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CHINA'S WARS.

No Material Change Recorded.

FENGTIEN INVADES SHANSI.

Summary of Intelligence From All Zones.

No material change is to be recorded in any of the zones in which civil war is at present being waged in China.

In the following summary, the factions ranged against the Nanking Nationalists (and, on that account, reckoned as favourable to Peking) are mentioned first. The gist of overnight cables, from Chinese sources, is:—

Fengtien v. Shansi:

On the northern sector (along the Peking-Suiyuan Railway), Fengtien troops claim further advances into the north of Shansi province.

On the southern sector (at Shihchiachwang, 200 miles south-west of Peking), the Shansi army counter-attacked.

No news from Chochow (40 miles of Peking), which is, ostensibly, held by the Shansi forces. Fengtien v. Christian General:

Fighting continues along the Lung-Hai Railway, in Honan province, which was invaded by the pro-Fengtien troops from Shantung. Both sides claim successes. Sun Chuan-fang v. Nanking:

War despatches from Nanking state that the Nationalists have been victorious in engagements up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, moving northward over territory captured from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, who supports Fengtien.

Hankow v. Nanking:

No news, and it is presumed that the Nanking armies advancing up the Yangtze against General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow, have lost touch with the "enemy."

YANG SEN'S TROOPS.

A Number Reported at Ichang.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Some of Yang Sen's troops are reported to have arrived at Ichang.—British Naval Wireless.

TARIFF CONTROVERSY.

FRANCE REPLIES TO UNITED STATES.

"REPRISAL" DUTIES OPPOSED.

Paris, Yesterday.

The French reply to the recent American Note concerning the new tariff was communicated to the American Charge d'Affaires this evening.

It proposes the establishment of a provisional regime pending the conclusion of a Commercial Treaty with France. It suggests that the United States should enjoy the same rates as those prior to September 6 except as regards articles on which less than the minimum rates were paid and would now come under the minimum schedule in France.

In return, France requests the discontinuance of the investigations carried on by American agents at French exporters' premises, the rescission of the restrictions placed on sanitary grounds upon the entry of French agricultural and pharmaceutical products, the settlement of certain fiscal matters now in dispute, and the dropping of "reprisals" duties recently decreed by the Federal authorities.

It is suggested that decreases enforcing this provisional regime could be adopted immediately.

As regard an eventual definitive agreement the French Government is prepared to negotiate but is not inclined to make a final arrangement until it is acquainted with the result of the inquiries into the comparative cost of production in the United States and France.

Subject to that reservation, France is prepared to grant the United States the most favoured nation clause in proportion as France obtains fresh outlets for her products from Washington.—Reuter.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) was reported yesterday; also three cases of enteric fever (Portuguese, Chinese, and Japanese imported).

"IRENE" PIRACY

Trial of Seven Suspects Resumed.

2ND ENGINEER'S NARRATIVE.

Thrilling Experience in The Engine-room.

At the resumption before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning of the preliminary hearing of the case against the seven alleged pirates, who were captured by the Navy in the vicinity of Bias Bay after they had had control of the China Merchants S.S. Company's s.s. "Irene" for two days, evidence corroborating that previously given by the Captain and other officers of the ship, was given by the Second and Third Engineers of the "Irene," after which the Court adjourned until this afternoon when the hearing will be resumed and evidence of Chinese passengers of the ship will be taken.

The first witness called this morning was Mr. Harold Cato Olsen Hallavik, Second Engineer of the "Irene." He said that he had been on the China coast for seven years, and was transferred to the "Irene" on October 12. He made his first trip on this ship when she left Shanghai for Amoy on October 17.

Asked by Mr. Whyte-Smith to speak about the piracy, the witness said that at about 8.15 a.m., on October 19 he was at breakfast in the saloon with other officers when suddenly shots were fired in all directions in various parts of the ship. There was also some firing in the saloon and a "boy" who was standing behind the witness was hit by a bullet. As soon as the firing started, the witness threw himself flat on the floor of the saloon. Between six and eight pirates, all armed with revolvers and pistols, entered the saloon. The witness recognised the first five accused as being amongst the men who raided the saloon. The third accused was the man who took the witness to his cabin to search for arms. He had a revolver in his hand.

"Going to Die."

Then coming to the firing on the "Irene" by the submarine L4, the witness said that at about 3.20 p.m., on October 20, he was in the engine-room where he had been told to keep the lights dim. There were one or two gunshots fired at the "Irene" and then the witness was telegraphed to stop the engine. He did so, but soon afterwards some pirates came rushing down to the engine-room and made it clear to the witness that they wanted the engines to go full speed ahead. Accordingly, the engines were re-started. The Chief Engineer, who was in the engine-room with the witness at the time, was taken up on deck by two or three of the pirates. The witness remained in the engine-room with the Third Engineer and several of the pirates. Some of the pirates ran up and down the engine-room floor while others hid between the boilers. One of them pointed his automatic at the witness's head all the time and said to the witness: "You are going to die." The witness could not recognise this man from amongst those in the dock.

Shell in Stakehold.

Replying to Mr. Whyte-Smith, the witness said that there must have been five shots fired at the "Irene" altogether. One shell burst in the stakehold and another in the engine-room, and then the ship went on fire. The witness then left the stakehold and went up where he hid for a time in the lavatory. Then he went out on deck where the Second Officer handed him a life-belt and he jumped into the water with it and swam to the L4. The witness received injuries to his mouth as the result of the explosion in the stakehold and had some teeth knocked out.

On October 23 the witness went to the Central Police Station where he identified the first five accused as being amongst the pirates who took control of the "Irene." The witness remembered seeing the first accused walking about the ship with a revolver. Later the witness helped to pick this man out of the water and saw an automatic magazine clip found on him when he was searched on board the L4. The second accused the witness also saw with an automatic on board the "Irene." The third accused was the armed man who took the witness to his cabin and

SEAMAN'S CHARGE.

Home Communists On Trial.

ALLEGED LIBEL.

Bolshevik Executioner And Other Soviet Officials Old Bailey.

London, Yesterday.

A thick set swarthy man with drooping moustaches who was referred to as a Bolshevik executioner and other Soviet officials, including a member of the "Ogpu" (Cheka) were among the numerous Russian witnesses for the defence at the seventh day of the trial of Harry Pollitt, Dick Beech and Thomas Strudwick, charged at the Old Bailey with libelling David Scott, a seaman, in "The International Seafarer," published by the National Minority Movement, of which the accused are members.

Scott has been prominent at anti-Communist meetings in England since his return a year ago from Russia, where he was imprisoned. He made a statutory declaration in regard to his treatment to the National Union of Seamen on his return, after which "The International Seafarer" accused Scott of disreputable and criminal conduct whilst in Russia.—Reuter.

searched it. No. 4, the witness saw keeping watch on deck with an automatic pistol. He could not say more about No. 5 than what he had said about No. 4. He saw him with a "gun."

By Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., for No. 4: The fourth accused was not keeping watch on deck all the time. The witness saw him both on deck and in the saloon. There was a lot of confusion amongst Officers, passengers and crew of the "Irene" from the start of the piracy to the time they reached the L4, and everybody was flurried.

By Mr. Whyte-Smith: There was confusion when the piracy started and again when the L4 fired on the ship. There was no confusion in between.

All the defendants accused had no questions to ask the witness.

Third Engineer's Evidence.

Mr. Albert Bernard Demee, the Third Engineer of the "Irene" was the next witness called. He said that his home was in Shanghai and he had been on the China coast "practically all his life." He sailed with the "Irene" when she left Shanghai for Amoy on October 17 at 5.30 a.m.

At about 8.15 a.m., on October 19 the witness was off duty and sleeping in his cabin which was just off the saloon. He was suddenly awakened by a lot of commotion, and jumping out of his bunk, the witness hid behind his cabin door. Then the witness heard a lot of firing going on in the saloon, and presently his cabin door was forced open. When the witness came to the door he saw a "bunch" of pirates in the saloon. One of the men covered him with a revolver, and the witness immediately put up his hands. He was dragged in his pyjamas into the saloon where he was searched. Then the third accused took the witness back to his cabin to search for firearms. The accused asked the witness if he had a gun, and when the witness said, "No," the accused said: "If I do find any there will be a lot of trouble." The witness added that a shot was fired in his cabin as soon as the door was opened. It pierced his coat which was hanging up, and they lodged in the settee.

Ship on Fire.

On the night of October 20 the witness was in the engine-room with both the Chief and Second Engineers. There were probably four or five big gun shots fired at the "Irene." The last shot hit a steam-pipe in the engine-room and it shook the ship. The witness was scalded in the ear, hands and back. The ship then went on fire. Then the witness went up on deck where he took a life-buoy from the stern, threw it in the water, and then jumped in after it. He then swam out to the L4 and was brought to Hong Kong in her.

On October 22 the witness attended an identification parade at the Central Police Station and from among about 30 men he definitely identified the first five accused as pirates, while he was suspicious of the sixth, but was not sure.

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\$1,000 CLAIM.

Land & Loan Co. Shares Transfer.

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Attempted Settlement Out Of Court.

A transaction in respect of ten shares in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Land and Loan Co., Ltd., formed the subject of a Summary Court action this morning when Mr. J. F. Wright, trading as Wright and Co. (of Prince's Building) sued Chan Tung, alias Chan Shi-wah, of 32 Stanley Street.

The claim was for \$1,000, moneys paid by plaintiff to the defendant on September 23 for a consideration which had failed or, in the alternative, for the delivery to the plaintiff by the defendant of a duly executed transfer of ten shares in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Land and Loan Co., Ltd., sold by the defendant to the plaintiff under a contract, dated September 22, 1927.

Mr. L. D. Turner, for plaintiff, explained that about September 20 the plaintiff's boy was approached by a man who claimed to be the agent of the defendant who asked whether plaintiff could find a purchaser for the shares in question. As the plaintiff's boy found that there was a possibility of plaintiff buying the shares an arrangement was come to whereby the defendant called at plaintiff's office on the 22nd and offered to sell the shares.

The amount offered by the plaintiff was \$1,000 (\$100 per share) but defendant held out for \$120 per share and eventually left. He rang up later in the day, however, and informed plaintiff through his boy that he was willing to sell at \$100 per share. In consequence, plaintiff made out the usual contract for the sale of shares at the price mentioned.

NO CHANGE.

Fine Weather Again In Forecast.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning stated:—

The anticyclone has strengthened and is central over mid Japan. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

Forecast: E. winds, moderate; fine.

tioned and sent a copy of it to the defendant at an hotel which he had given as his address.

Transfer Not Endorsed.

The next day, the defendant came to the plaintiff's office and handed over the share certificates. These were in Chinese and as there was writing on the back plaintiff was under the impression that the transfer was endorsed. He consequently handed over to the defendant \$994, the full amount less the customary stamp, contract and commission.

In answer to His Honour (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) Mr. Turner said that he understood that in respect of a stamped contract it was not usual to give a receipt.

Continuing, Mr. Turner said that after the defendant had left the plaintiff discovered that there were no transfers and consequently plaintiff got into touch with defendant who promised to call at the plaintiff's office at a certain time and deliver the transfers. As he failed to turn up, efforts were made to get into touch with him but it was found that he had left the hotel at which he had been staying. Ultimately, the defendant was got into touch with and there was an interview in the office of Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley, who were acting for the defendant at that time. At that interview, defendant for the first time alleged that there was money due to him and that he had not agreed to sell the shares at the stated price.

Failure To Deliver.

Plaintiff, in consequence, instructed his solicitors to write a letter calling upon defendant to deliver the transfers, failing which a writ would be issued. As there was no reply a writ was issued, but Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley stated that they had no instructions to accept service. As a result of substituted service Mr. Russ appeared for defendant when the case came up for fixing.

Mr. Russ was not present in Court this morning, commented Mr. Turner. Whilst Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley were acting for the defendant one of the interpreters approached the plaintiff on defendant's behalf with an offer of settlement. Again, yesterday, the defendant had tried to make a direct settlement with the plaintiff who referred him to his solicitors. As a result, an interview had taken place in his (Mr. Turner's) office at which the defendant stated that the transfers were in the office of Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley and he was ready to hand them over on condition that he was not called upon to pay costs. He (Mr. Turner) informed defendant that he was not in a position to dictate terms and as a result the case had come on for hearing that morning.

Defendant was present in court but not legally represented, and on being asked whether he disputed the claim, he said he did.

Evidence was called for the plaintiff and later defendant gave evidence, and contended that the cheque which he had received was only part payment for the \$1,200 which he claimed was to be paid for the shares.

His Honour gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

STRIKERS TO GO!

Canton's Final Scheme For Disbandment.

SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT.

Farewell March On November 28.

Plans whereby the anti-Hong Kong strikers will be disbanded have, at last, been submitted to the Canton Government.

During the last month or two, it had been publicly stated that the authorities wished to wind up the "Canton-Hong Kong Strike Association" which was formed in 1925 and continued to exist after the strike and boycott were called off in September, 1926.

The scheme now suggested seems quite practicable. It has been drawn up by the Strike Executive by the approval of the provincial Government.

Note of Finality.

Under this scheme, all strikers who remain on the roll, and the institutions maintained for their benefit, will be dealt with.

There is a note of finality this time and definite dates are mentioned after which, according to the proposal, the strikers, of whom there are 30,000 nominally on the register, will receive no aid.

Part of the Government's demobilisation bonus of \$100 will be paid in 8 per cent. Treasury Bonds, as laid down in a schedule. Payment will be under Government supervision.

The bonus will be paid from November 10 to 25, and each striker will also receive \$6.60 for a month's food.

Billets to be Vacated.

On November 26, the free meals provided by the authorities will cease. The next day, all property occupied by strikers as billets will be restored to owners through the medium of the Police. In any day after, the strikers are to march away to a farewell by the public.

As from November 20, it is proposed, the Government will cease paying \$10,000 a day to the Strike Executive. This sum has been consistently drawn to pay and feed the strikers. The "Canton-Hong Kong Strike Association," as an institution, will continue to exist, and the disbandment plan provides for payment by the Government of \$3,000 per month—instead of \$10,000 a day—for upkeep expenses.

Preferential Treatment.

Travelling expenses will also be drawn by the strikers. Machinery is to be set in operation whereby members of the Strike Association can get preferential treatment from employers of labour, but each man must join the labour Union for the trade he enters.

Strikers who became hawkers in Canton will retain their special licences for a year, but they will have to come under Police supervision during that period.

The foregoing are only some of the eighteen terms drawn up for submission to the Government and, in well-informed quarters, it is thought that the scheme will be put into effect immediately.

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COMMUNISTS RISE.

Town Near Shanghai Captured.

NATIONALISTS EXPELLED.

Authorities Flee After Being Disarmed.

Shanghai, Yesterday. About 2,000 Communists have raided the town of Iling, which is to the west of Taihu Lake and about 180 miles due west of Shanghai.

All the gendarmes and merchants' volunteers in the district yamen were disarmed. The district magistrate and the commissioner for public safety (chief of police) have disappeared.

Iling is about 30 miles from the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. Some of the Communists subsequently went off to disturb the railway towns of Changchow and Wusih.

Wires Cut.

Tension is acute in Wusih and telegraph lines to Iling have been cut.—"Hong Kong Evening Post."

The "Industrial and Commercial Daily Press" (Kung Sheung Yat Po) adds that Communists in Soochow (also on the railway, 60 miles west of Shanghai) are ready to co-operate with the raiders should they arrive there.

[Note: Iling is in the south of Kiangsu province, under the rule of the Nanking Nationalists. Post Office statistics give the population as 521,586.]

MORE ARRESTS.

LABOUR EXTREMISTS IN CANTON.

NO HELP FROM MR. WANG.

Undeterred by disappointment, labour extremists and agitators in Canton have taken part in another demonstration which has again led to a number of them being arrested.

These extremists have been lying low since April, when General Li Chai-sum took drastic measures to check their activities.

When the Ironsides returned to Canton from Hankow, the extremists held a procession to petition for the release of their colleagues arrested in April.

Found No Sympathy.

It is alleged that the recent movements were instigated by Mr. So Shiu-ching, the first Chairman of the Strike Executive and once connected with the (proscribed) Seamen's Union in Hong Kong.

At any rate, the extremists found no sympathy from the Ironsides, who were believed to be Leftist in their political creed.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the leader of the Kuomintang Leftists, has returned to Canton. Several thousands of extremists took part in a march to his house. The object was to plead for the release of arrested colleagues and the resuscitation of the proscribed Congress of Labour Delegates.

Reactionary Slogans.

Members of Mr. Wang's staff explained that the decision lay with the authorities.

Subsequently, more than twenty of the processionists were arrested by the Police. The charge laid against them is of shouting "reactionary slogans."

In connection with the return to Canton of Mr. T. V. Soong (former Finance Minister), it is stated that there is no intention appointing him Finance Minister yet. He is likely, however, to attend the Kuomintang conference which Mr. Wang Ching-wei is calling at Canton.

Generals Confer.

General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi is expected back in Canton on or about November 15. He has a useful army behind him and is in complete understanding with General Li Chai-sum, the Commander-in-Chief, and his presence will go a long way toward deciding whether Canton is to engage in war against General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow or not.

General Li Fook-lum (5th Army), of Honan, is reported as having had an important conference with General Li Chai-sum in connection with the latter's order to concentrate his troops at Shui-kwan, preparatory to invading Hunan (which is held by Tang Seng-chi).

Political gossip is that General Li Fook-lum has been told to wait at Shui-kwan and go no further.

SPLIT IN THREE.

Nationalist Party's Quarrels.

CANTON VIS-A-VIS NANKING.

Latest Strife To Form Central Government.

All political weight is being thrown into the balance in a three-cornered competition between Canton, Nanking, and Hankow to establish a "central" Nationalist Government.

Intelligence from Canton, cables from Nanking, despatches from Shanghai, and correspondence from Hankow all point to a vast change having come over the disposition of the Kuomintang within the last week.

In Canton, two influences are at work. One is the military, led by General Li Chai-sum (Commander-in-Chief), which is partial to some of the highest Nanking Generals, but prefers neutrality. The other is political, led by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his group might be described as the "diehards" of the Leftist section.

Political Isolation. The so-called minority faction (or the Shanghai faction) comprised Generals and politicians on whom General Chiang Kai-shek brought pressure to bear. This faction now appears to be reconciled to Nanking.

Also at Nanking are a number of Generals and politicians who previously opposed the administration set up there by Chiang Kai-shek. These formerly came under the Leftist group but are now at Nanking, hoping for reunion under Party but not military Government.

General Tang Seng-chi is in political isolation at Hankow. His attitude has made the position of the civilians in the Hankow Government intolerable.

How They Stand. Summed up now, the Nationalist Party strength can be divided as follows:—

Hankow: very little semblance of Nationalist Government, the Leftists having left General Tang Seng-chi to his own devices.

Nanking: the Rightists, including the leaders of the army still loyal to Chiang Kai-shek; some of the Leftists who left Hankow; and the minority or Shanghai faction.

Canton: the military sympathetic toward Nanking; and the Leftist politicians, under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, from Hankow.

Canton Divided. Nanking has declared war on Hankow; if Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his partisans return to Nanking, the headquarters of the Nationalist Party and Government can be established there with overwhelming superiority.

But Mr. Wang chooses to summon a conference which will pave the way for the central Nationalist Government to be set up in Canton and not in Nanking.

The Canton military group is not likely to oppose him in this but will retain to itself the practical control of the two Kwang provinces.

PARTNERS' MONEY.

CHARGE OF MISAPPROPRIATION WITHDRAWN.

NO EVIDENCE OFFERED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning the case was again mentioned in which a Chinese named Kwan Ying-chi is charged with the misappropriation of \$1,030 partnership money of the Hing Yip Company.

Mr. D. L. Turner, for the complainant firm, asked his Worship's permission to withdraw the charge against the accused, saying that the accused had given, through his solicitor, an explanation of the books kept by him, and had succeeded in convincing his (Mr. Turner's) clients that the accused did not interfere with the books in any way. Mr. Turner added that he was himself convinced that the accused was not guilty of the offence charged against him.

Mr. Lindsell told Mr. A. E. Hall, for the defence, that as the prosecution was offering no evidence, his client would be discharged. Mr. Hall remarked that he had "no objection."

HONG KONG TIDE

man has to show, but express the hope that at the next exhibition of this kind opportunities for comparison with British material will be given to the visitor.

Commenting on the Shipping, Engineering and Machinery Exhibition at Olympia, which closed after a successful fortnight, Engineering says:—

We have discussed more than once the policy of the Machine Tool Trades Association in restricting

certain publicity activities of its members to a display at its own exhibition only. The effect of such restriction is very marked in the exhibition now being described—Under British company titles we find collections of machine tools made in Germany or elsewhere, but the great names of the British trade are absent with one or two exceptions. We do not at the moment belittle the tools so gathered together. They are, for the most part, of high standard and worth very close attention; indeed, their good quality, both in design and manufacture, only emphasises the barrenness of the exhibition as regards competitive products from this country. No doubt more than one visitor, ignorant of the ban placed on general exhibitions by British machine tool makers, had drawn the wholly false inference that they had nothing as good to offer, and had therefore kept away from the show.

HONG KONG

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Beef Sirloin 牛 尾 肥

19	Prime Cut	成燒牛肉
19	Corned	牛腩
19	Roast	燒牛肉
19	Breast	牛腩
19	Soup	湯牛肉
19	Steak	牛肉

Steak Sirloin	牛	切肉
Sausages	牛	腸
Bullock's Brains	牛	腦
Tongue, fresh	牛	舌
Tongue, corned	牛	舌
Head	牛	頭
Heart	牛	心
Hump, Salt	牛	心

" Feet	半	牛	脚
" Kidneys	半	牛	腰
" Tail	半	牛	尾
" Liver	半	牛	肝
" Tripe	半	牛	肚
Calves' Head & Feet..	半	牛	頭
Mutton Chop	半	羊	排
" Leg	半	羊	腿
" Shoulder	半	羊	肩
" Saddle			手肉

Pig's Chittlings	猪	腸
" Brains	猪	腦
" Feet	猪	蹄
" Fry	猪	肚
" Head	猪	頭
" Heart	猪	心
" Kidneys	猪	腰
" Liver	猪	肝

Pork Chop	猪排	竹牌	
" Leg	猪排	牌	
" Loin	猪排	後	
" Fator Lard ...	猪	油	
Sheep's Head & Feet..	羊	頭	per
" Heart	羊	心	er
" Kidneys	羊	腰	
" Liver	羊	肝	

Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳豬	豬油
Suet, Beef	牛	牛油
" Mutton	鮮羊	油
Veal	牛	仔肉
" Sausages	牛	肝腸
" " No. 1...		

Fish.

Barbel	鰻魚
Bream	鰻魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	淡水魚
Carp	魚
Catfish	魚
Codfish	魚
Crabs	蟹
Cuttle Fish	魚
Dab	魚
Dace	魚
Dor Fish	魚

Eels, Conger	海鳗	鱈魚
" Fresh Water	淡水魚	水
" Yellow	黃魚	鱈魚
Frogs	田蛙	雞
Garoupa	石斑	斑
Gudgeon	白鰱	白甲魚
Herrings	鯖魚	原
Halibut	黃魚	
Labrus	黃魚	
Loach	黃魚	

Lobsters	龍蝦	龍蝦
Mackerel	鯖魚	鯖魚
Monk Fish	鱈魚	鱈魚
Mullet	鰱魚	鰱魚
Oysters	牡蠣	牡蠣
Parrot Fish	鸚鵡魚	鸚鵡魚
Perch	鱖魚	鱖魚
Pike	鱸魚	鱸魚
Rice	米	米

Plaice	鱈魚	鱈魚
Pomprat, Black	黑鰱	黑鰱
Pomprat, White	白鰱	白鰱
Prawns	蝦	蝦
Ray	魚	魚
Rock Fish	石斑	石斑
Roach	鯉	鯉
Salmon	鮭	鮭
Shark	鯊	鯊
Sharks	鯊	鯊
Shrimps	蝦	蝦
Snaappers	魚	魚
Soles	魚	魚
Tench	魚	魚
Turbot	魚	魚
Turtles, small, fr. water	小水龜	小水龜

result of the analysis of the tide observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the difference

The times of high-and low water must not be considered

coincide with the times of slack water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

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Poultry.

		Oct. 21, June, 1877.	1918.	1919.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	45	30
Capon, Small	雞	"	40	28
Capon, Large	雞	"	55	28
Duck	鴨	"	85	22
Doves	斑鳩	each	20	22
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	"	35	25
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	60	36
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	40	38
Geese	鵞	"	50	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	55	80
" Hothow	鴿	"	30	28
Turkeys, Cock	公雞	lb.	60	—
Turkeys, Hen	母雞	"	55	51
Snipe	鴉片	each	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	—	—
Partridge	鶉	"	80	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	24
Bananas (brifée)	金山香蕉	"	6	4
Carambola	楊梅	"	15	12
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10
Lemons, China	金山檸檬	lb.	12	7
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	10	8
Lichises, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	40	25
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	10	—
Oranges	橙	"	—	—
Pears (Canton)	沙花梨	"	14	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10
Persimmons, Large	紅大柿	"	12	12
Plumain	柿	"	4	3
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅檳榔	each	15	12
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	22	—
Grapes	提子	"	48	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊芋	each	12	—
Beans, Sprout	竹筴角	lb.	5	—
" Long	" "	"	13	8
Beet Root	紅苜蓿	each	2	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓠	lb.	10	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	lb.	10	5
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	7	5
" (Shanghai)	大白菜	"	15	12
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	"	4	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	—	—
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	—	—
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	—	6
Carrots	金縷菜	lb.	10	6
Celery, Chinese	美根	"	12	10
Chillies, Dried	干辣椒	"	25	25
" Red	紅辣椒	"	12	10
" Green	綠辣椒	"	10	8
Curry Stuff, English	印度材料	"	10	8
Cucumbers	黃瓜	"	7	2
Garlic	大蒜	"	10	6
Ginger, Young	姜	"	6	7
" Old	老姜	"	6	10
Horseradish, Shanghai.	辣根	"	80	8
Indian Corn	粟米	"	—	45
Lettuce	生菜	"	7	1
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	10	—
" Mandarin	林芋	"	14	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"	50	—
Okrees	豆腐	"	12	1
Onions, Bombay	洋葱	"	8	8
" Green	青葱	"	5	4
" Shanghai	上海葱	"	6	6
Parasley	芹	"	75	60
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	"	6	3
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	5	8
" American	金山薯仔	"	7	3
Pumpkin	南瓜	"	8	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	5	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大紅菜	"	—	—
Shallots	小葱	"	12	8
Spinach	菠菜	"	8	4
Tomatoes	蕃茄	"	15	7
Taro	芋頭	"	4	6
Turnips, Pond (Long)	蓮藕	"	6	4
Vegetable Marrow	茭白	"	7	4
Water Cress	蔞薹	"	10	15
Water-Lily Root	荷藕	"	6	8

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Crabs	蟹		42	23	26
Cuttle Fish	魚		28	16	2
Dab	魚		42	23	16
Dace	黃鰻		82	10	9
Dog Fish	魚		11	10	8
Eels, Conger	鰻魚		40	16	
Fresh Water	鰻魚		26	10	18
Yellow	鰻魚		32	26	30
Frogs	石斑		70	32	25
Garoupa	魚		85	40	30
Gudgeon	魚		32	18	15
Herrings	魚		30	22	18
Halibut	魚		28	18	23
Labrus	魚		80	22	18
Loach	魚		65	22	24
Lobsters	蟹		52	32	21
Mackerel	魚		30	20	26
Monk Fish	魚		40	32	28
Mullet	魚		32	18	2
Oysters	魚		35	16	22
Parrot Fish	魚		34	14	9
Perch	魚		85	20	15
Pike	魚		20	16	9
Plaice	魚		45	28	14
Pomfret, Black	魚		52	26	29
Pomfret, White	魚		60	36	30
Prawns	魚		55	36	45
Ray	魚		13	10	14
Rock Fish	魚		36	13	18
Roach	魚		80	22	16
Salmon	魚		70	36	30
Shark	魚		15	8	10
Skate	魚		12	10	10
Shrimps	魚		40	26	35
Snapper	魚		65	32	30
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Each member has the right to introduce two non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, November 4, 1927.

The charge for admission for ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of two ladies free of charge.

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Hong Kong, October 29, 1927.

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FIRE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL DRILL DISPLAY MOST INTERESTING.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

The annual drill display and competition of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade was held at the Central Fire Station yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of interested spectators which included H.E. the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Officer Administering the Government.

The waterfront opposite the Station was cleared of traffic for the demonstration, which was the most interesting of its nature ever held in the Colony.

The programme which was a lengthy one was opened in the compound of the Fire Station where the various drills of rescuing the insensible persons from the upper floors, the jumping sheet method of rescue, and the slide to safety down the chute were very successfully demonstrated and carried out with efficiency by members of the Brigade, who also exhibited great ability in the rendering of first aid to the injured.

Most impressive of all the items on the programme was the combined display by the firefloat, the new motor cycle apparatus and the motor pumps which was carried out on the waterfront. Altogether sixteen jets of water were thrown up in the air at a height of nearly 150 feet.

The motor pump competition for the Fire Brigade Shield was won by the Kowloon unit, who were in action within the excellent time of 1min. 21secs. They were closely followed by the Central No. 2 squad under Sub-Officer H. Chan who were only nine seconds later in getting into action.

The Kennedy Town unit were first in the motor escape competition, winning the Cup in the very good time of 1min. 28secs. Central No. 2 who were again second were bettered by only seven seconds.

In the despatch box competition, the 3-men drill prize went to Wanchai (time: 32secs.), the 2-men event to Kennedy Town (39secs.), and the 1-man event to Kowloon.

At the conclusion, the Hon. Mr. Southern distributed the awards and congratulated the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Chief Officer, on the very fine turn out.

The Fire Escape Cup (as previously announced in our columns) has been in competition since 1924 and there is keen rivalry between the various squads for the honour of having the names of their members inscribed on it.

The Fire Brigade Shield is a trophy of much longer existence having been in competition since 1904, and is a "throw back" to the old steam engine days. The Shield was presented for competition by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, and in the old days the drills for this Shield took the form of fire drill on board ships in harbour. The competition now is confined to the modern motor pump and the despatch box drill.

BUST NOT BY LEONARDO.

Bode Dispute Recalled in London.

London, Sept. 27.

The death of Mr. Charles Cooksey at Southampton yesterday, on the eve of his 79th birthday, recalls a controversy which raged 18 years ago among the art experts of Europe caused by his declaration that a wax bust of Flora attributed to Leonardo da Vinci was not the work of the great man.

This bust was purchased by Dr. Bode, at that time of the Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Berlin, for £2,250. Mr. Cooksey, at the time the purchase was made, declared that the bust was the work of a Southampton sculptor, Mr. Richard Cockle Lucas, who lived at Chilworth, and had carried out sculptural work for Southampton Park.

Mr. Cooksey's claim that the bust was the work of Lucas was challenged from Berlin, and a lively controversy followed and attracted European attention.

Finally, Mr. Cooksey suggested that some portion of the bust should be opened, to date the material of which the "core" was made. This suggestion, the Southampton antiquary based on the knowledge that it was the practice of Lucas to economise in material by using any odd things that came to hand. On one occasion he used a discarded waistcoat. The bust was opened, and portions of an old bodyspread were found. This was accepted by most people as proof of Mr. Cooksey's contention, but the German Emperor ordered that the bust should still continue to bear the name of Leonardo da Vinci.

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VISITORS TO RUSSIA.

PAYING COURT TO AMERICAN OPINION.

SOVIET "CONDUCTED TOURS."

During the present year the Foreign Commissariat at Moscow and Bolshevik agents in general have shown even more than usual interest in America. This interest has found expression not so much in efforts to come to an understanding with the United States through official channels as in a general paying of court to American public opinion and in a variety of backstage efforts to convince labour and business circles in the United States that a condition of prosperity prevails in Soviet Russia.

Since the breach of diplomatic relations with Great Britain the efforts to "win over America" have been redoubled, and one of the outstanding features of the Bolshevik campaign has been the advertising of the intended visit to Russia of "thousands of American tourists." One of the most persistent reports, apparently launched from Moscow, fantastically stated, indeed, that 10,000 Americans had arranged to visit the U.S.S.R., during the present summer; another report even gave the number as 20,000.

This campaign is carried on under the "semi-official" auspices of the Soviet Government, which, indeed, sent a special representative abroad to arrange for desirable Americans to get visas for the Soviet Union. This official, who apparently has some connection with the Ypsu (Chaka or Political Police), applied to one of the American diplomatic representatives in Europe for facilities to travel to the United States in order to facilitate formalities connected with the travelling of American citizens to Russia. It was pointed out to him, however, that to admit him for such a purpose would be tantamount to establishing a Soviet consulate in America, and his application was refused. Approved visitors to Russia from the United States, nevertheless, arrange their passport formalities on the American side of the Atlantic, apparently through some official of the "Amborg" (a Soviet trading company in America analogous to the "Arcos" in London).

Trade Relations.

Americans, for their part, also have their own "unofficial representatives" at Moscow in the person of Mr. Charles H. Smith, now resident in the Soviet capital as the "Secretary of the Russo-American

Chamber of Commerce." Such a chamber existed during the war, but after the Revolution it became defunct. Largely owing to the influence of the American side, Mr. Schley (the Chase National Bank representative, who has for some time taken a leading part in the financial arrangement of the Soviet cotton purchases from America) and Mr. Ivy Lee, this Chamber of Commerce was revived a short time ago, at least nominally. Mr. Smith, who is "persona grata" at Moscow, has "since" been energetic in promoting the development of Soviet-American relations. He made a special trip to the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce at Stockholm, and succeeded in conducting several American members back to Moscow. He works in close co-operation with a Soviet organisation called the "Society for Promoting Cultural Relations with Other Countries."

In consequence of all this work several parties of Americans have made "personally conducted" tours of the U.S.S.R., or at least its chief centres. One party of "American workers" has just been given what the Soviet Press calls a "farewell banquet" and is now on its way home filled with good cheer. But the most imposing party from America this summer is a "trade union delegation," which decided to devote a month to studying Russian conditions on the spot. It is not an official delegation of the American Federation of Labour, for this body as such adopted a negative attitude towards sending any delegation and declined to give it an official character or financial support. This attitude found expression particularly through Mr. Green, who succeeded the late Mr. Gompers as President of the Federation. Groups of trade unionists then formed an "unofficial" delegation, having, as an American put it, "tapped some private American sources of capital to finance the enterprise." The present party chiefly represents the railway unions, which are really responsible for the excursion. A number of economic, legal, and educational specialists of good standing are attached to the delegation, and it has promised on its return to draw up a comprehensive report on conditions in Russia, to be submitted through Senator Borah to the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations.

A special delegate of the Central Council of the "Red" trade unions was sent as far as Berlin to meet this party of Americans, and conducted the members to Moscow, where the greater part of them arrived on August 16. After a brief stay at Moscow the party was broken up into three groups, to visit the Urals, the Don Basin coal measures, and Caucasus respectively.—"The Times," London.

WHITE SLAVE.

REVELATIONS OF SORDID TRAFFIC.

REGULATIONS USELESS.

London, Sept. 19. Remarkably frank admissions of the terrible consequences that have followed attempts to segregate and check vice by a policy of official regulation are contained in a League of Nations report on the white slave traffic which has reached London from Geneva.

Pages and pages of voluminous report are devoted to a detailed exposure of the methods of traffickers, who lure girls to ruin in far-away countries by promises of marriage or lucrative employment.

Investigations.

A close investigation was made by the League of Nations committee of the systems of State regulation of vice which still exist in certain countries, and the replies to the questionnaire sent to the Governments of fifty-one nations show that country after country, of those who have permitted licensed houses, are abandoning the system as an abject failure which serves only to disseminate the evils it is supposed to check.

Here is the Cuban Government's outspoken indictment of the system that was once tolerated in their own country:—
"The so-called 'licensed area' was nothing more than a sink of iniquity and perversion, in which were imprisoned unfortunate women; some of the keepers obliging their victims to pay for their miserable accommodation and wretched food at exorbitant prices, while others robbed those who had anything left of their gains, even if they were ill."

Admissions.

Grave social evils, which could not be ignored, also caused the Czechoslovak Government to abolish the system. These are their own admissions of how the State recognition of vice corrupted the morals of the young:—

"It is well known that licensed houses are for the most part frequented by youths of twenty years of age, indeed, in many cases they are regularly visited by lads of sixteen or even younger."

"The inmate of these houses is a downtrodden creature without rights of any kind. She is entirely at the mercy of the keeper of the house. Everything he gives her is placed against her account, so that she is always in his debt. It is a condition which may be described as modern slavery."

Twenty-one countries, which still have some system of licensed houses, replied to the League questionnaire.



(1) Mr. G. Henderson, B.Sc., who attended the Festival. (2) A step in the Highland Fling. (3) The main entrance to the festival grounds. (4) A Highland Fling. (5) A Highland Fling. (6) A Highland Fling.

According to general comment throughout the country, the second decisive step towards reviving and preserving the wealth of music, indigenous of this country, has been achieved with the conclusion of the Highland Gathering and Festival of Scottish Music held at the Bannockburn Hotel, Bannockburn, during the first week of September. Not only in Canada but in the United States and Great Britain, have newspapers and current magazines commented most favourably upon this musical event, the first venture along these lines being in May when the Canadian Folk Song and Handicraft Festival was held at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City.

Proof of the interest taken in them across the water was given recently when the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Premier of Great Britain, commented upon the Folk Song Festival held at Quebec. This event was one of the first of public interest touched upon by the Premier after his arrival in Canada. Mr. Baldwin observed with pleasure the success of the Festival and stated that the Scottish Festival was held and events of that kind were invaluable in keeping alive the old-time customs, songs and handicrafts which he was sorry to observe were fast disappearing.

Scottish regiments in Canada had pipers present to compete for the highest honours. The artists themselves were in most cases Scots of no mean ability. The festival of music was supplemented by a full programme of Scottish games and tests of prowess, which proved one of the outstanding features of the three-day gathering. While many colored events have taken place at this famous mountain resort the Scottish Festival was perhaps the most picturesque, for in addition to the brilliant plaided of the Highlanders were to be seen the traditional garb of the Indians who gathered from the Blood and Stoney Reserves to witness the sports. They watched with keen interest the intricate dance steps of the Scots and were awed by the skill of the men in their dexterity in performing their old-time ceremonial sports and games. Several of the best Scottish dancers were present, including Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Alexander Henry.

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GRUESOME DISCOVERY ON SMACK.

DRIFTING IN PACIFIC.

Seattle, Yesterday.
A gruesome story of the sea was revealed on the arrival of the liner "Margaret Dollar," which picked up off Washington state coast an 85 foot Japanese fishing smack with a crew of two dead men in their sleeping quarters.
Apparently the smack had drifted 4,000 miles across the Pacific.
Quarantine physicians found a pile of bones aboard which they believed were the sole remains of a crew of seven or eight men besides the two whose bodies were found. They declared that cannibalism had undoubtedly been practised, at any rate by the last survivors.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe on November 1 at 1 p.m. Left Kobe yesterday at noon and was due at Yokohama to-day at 9 a.m.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 30, and is due here on or about November 8.

The s.s. "Porthos" is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on November 9.

The s.s. "Venezia" (D. & Co.) sailed from Colombo on October 26, and is due here on November 10.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) is due to sail from Sydney on November 10, and is expected here on or about December 4.

The B. I. & A. Line s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port yesterday at p.m., and is due here on November 8 at a.m.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Trieste on October 24, and is expected to arrive here on December 3.

The s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 15, and is expected here on or about December 10.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND ARRIVALS.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Sunning (1,570) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, B. & S.—145 passengers, 470 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 680 tons general (through).
Linan (1,356) British, from Canton, B. & S.—47 passengers, 1,150 tons general (through).
Phenius (4,761) British, from Singapore, B. & S.—440 passengers, 331 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,432 tons general (through).
Hai Hong (1,270) British, from Swatow, Douglas & Co.—444 passengers, 250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Wing Hong (2,672) British, from Chinwantao, Dodwell & Co.—5,360 tons coal for Hong Kong.
Borneo (1,297) British, from Hoilow, Shun Tai S.S. Co.—591 passengers, 2,140 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Apoey (1,776) British, from Bangkok, W. Fat Sing—5 passengers, 3,500 tons, rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tin How (3,164) British, from Singapore, Bank Line—177 passengers, 948 tons sugar for Hong Kong.

Raymond Poincare (1,197) French, from Canton, Yak Ching—60 passengers, 20 tons general cargo (through).
Tjilliwong (3,061) Dutch, from Manila, J. C. J. L.—2,401 tons sugar for Hong Kong, 593 tons general (through).
Kathe (906) German, from Canton, Kwong How Tai.

Elger (875) Norwegian, from Pakhol, K. Larsen & Co.—130 tons coal and 805 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 800 tons coal (through).
Hosai Maru (2,665) Japanese, from Karatsu, M. B. K.—2,700 tons coal for Hong Kong, 710 tons general (through).
Hozan Maru (1,383) Japanese, from Swatow, O. S. K.—324 passengers, 300 tons coal and 359 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Autau, Chan Cherk Hing—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Sun Kong (322) Chinese, from Kwong Chow Wan, Man Yick Co.—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Phranang (1,022) Chinese, from Hoilow, Chow Yue Teng—10 passengers, 1,800 tons salt and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Canton: Vestland.
For Kwong Chow Wan: Poo Sang.
For Macao: Tak Hing.
For Manila: Emp. of Asia.

For Swatow: Sunghan Maru, Linan.
For Singapore: Carmarthen-shire, Kudat.

Clearances.
For Chinwantao: Wing Hong.
For Swatow: Dell Maru.
For Haiphong: Tonkin.
For Shanghai: Phenius.
For Miko: Portoclaus.

Shipping Abstract.

British	Japanese	Norwegian	Chinese	Dutch	French	German	American	Panama	Portuguese	In	Out
8	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	17	9
23	6	4	14	7	2	1	1	1	3	62	23

TYPHOON WEATHER.**"APOEY" LABOURS IN HEAVY SEA.**

The master of the s.s. "Apoey" reports that on the 6th ult., after leaving Hong Kong for Bangkok and the South, the ship experienced very bad weather with typhoon squalls and huge seas. The ship laboured heavily and it was found necessary to put an awning in the after rigging to help the rudder to keep the ship's head to sea.
On the return voyage to Hong Kong, a strong to fresh monsoon was experienced.

RIVER COLLISION.**"ANJON" AND "TAI LEE" ESCAPE DAMAGE.**

The two river boats, s.s. "Anjon" and s.s. "Tai Lee" came into collision five minutes after they left Kowloon last night. The impact was slight and no damage of any note was inflicted on either ship.
The two steamers will clear from Hong Kong as usual to-night.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries are in port:
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Mar. 4
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DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU ... Thursday, 1st December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU ... Friday, 25th November.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
PARIS MARU (from Shanghai) ... Friday, 11th November.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL.
TAIKWA MARU ... Tuesday, 8th November, 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd November, 10 a.m.
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JAPAN PORTS
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MENADO MARU ... Wednesday, 8th Nov., 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU ... Sunday, 13th Nov., 11 a.m.
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more detailed design and that the author of the design placed first by the assessors shall be employed to carry out the work. Up to the selection of six designs, it appears, all went well, but immediately after there was a deadlock. The fact of the matter was that the assessors did not consider any one of the six picked designs good enough for the actual memorial theatre. And that is the position as it stood a week or two ago, a distinctly awkward one, seeing that in the conditions of the competition no provision was made for such an eventuality as the considered rejection of all the proffered designs. One way out of the difficulty would be, of course, to declare the competition null and void and ask for new designs under a fresh set of rules, and this is what the Governors are likely to do, seeing that the financial side of the scheme is assured of success. After all, the assessors should exhibit sufficient courage and artistic conscientiousness to refuse to place first any one of the six designs unless they are absolutely satisfied that they are getting a building worthy of this very special occasion.

RETURNED BANISHEE.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM
CUSTODY.

A returned Chinese banishee who came back before the period for which he had been banished had expired, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy to eight months' hard labour, with an additional four months' jail for larceny. On leaving the Court, the prisoner asked to be allowed to go to the lavatory, and was taken there by an Indian constable who waited outside. As the prisoner was a long time coming out, the Indian went in to investigate, and was just in time to see the man attempting to effect his escape by wriggling through the drain. The man had succeeded in getting the major part of his body through the opening, and had the constable been a few minutes later, the prisoner would have made his escape. As it was the man's feet were still protruding from the hole on the lavatory side of the drain, and holding on to these the Indian called for help and the prisoner was re-captured. When he was again taken before Mr. Schofield charged with attempting to escape from custody, his Worship decided not to impose any additional penalty, remarking that the prisoner had been sufficiently punished.

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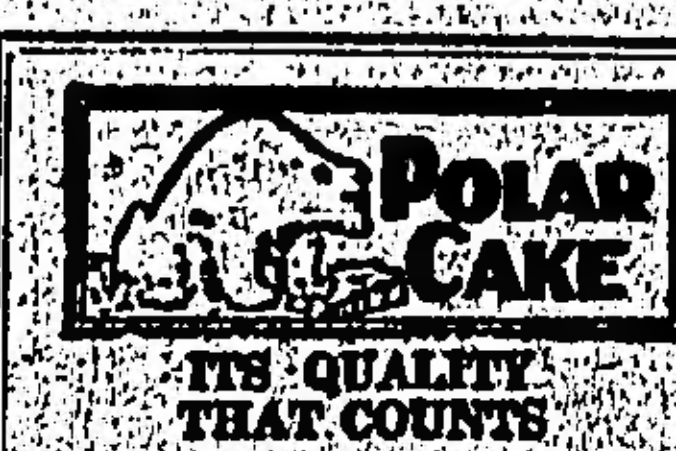
EX-NAVAL ENGINEER'S
SLASHING HITS.

London, Oct. 15. A slashing indictment of the Admiralty's policy is presented in Mr. E. F. Spanner's new book, "Armaments and non-combatants." The fact that the author is an ex-member of the Admiralty Corps of Constructors and also an architect and engineer of repute, lends weight to his vigors. Mr. Spanner contends that Britain is spending on a Navy which is no longer equal to the task of defence of trade, while its building programme is based on fallacious principles. He says the biggest battleship must be the victim of aircraft and dismisses the Admiralty's claim that H.M.S. "Nelson," "Rodney," and "Hood" are torpedo-proof, as false. A single torpedo on the stern, he says, will leave the "Nelson" a helpless log. He adds that big guns are inaccurate and inefficient and it is a 100 to 1 chance that they will not hit. On the contrary aircraft secure 60 per cent. of hits. He also pictures the devastation that would be caused by such an attack.

LUCKNOW BURGLARY.

FINANCE MEMBER'S HOUSE
ENTERED.

Calcutta, Oct. 26. The Lucknow residence of Sir Samuel O'Donnell, Finance Member for the United Provinces, was burgled yesterday, and jewellery valued at £1,000 removed. The burglar, who was later found to be Gurkha dismissed from the army, entered Lady O'Donnell's bedroom and ransacked the dressing table, in spite of the fact that a dog was sleeping at the foot of the bed. When arrested the thief had all the jewellery on him. He revealed to the police that he had committed similar offences against officers' quarters, having a vendetta against them since he was dismissed. "Straits Times" correspondent.



MR. F. LAMMERT.

DEATH IN GOVERNMENT
CIVIL HOSPITAL.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

We regret to record the death at the Government Civil Hospital at eight o'clock yesterday evening of Mr. Frank Lammert, of the auctioneering firm of Lammert Bros., and a member of the Lammert family which is well known and respected in the Colony with the life of which it has so long been associated. News of the family's bereavement was received with widespread regret and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to them in their bereavement. "Frank," as he was familiarly known by the innumerable friends he had in the Colony, in which he had spent the greater part of his life, had not been in good health for some time past but had remained at work until last week. On Friday his condition became considerably more serious and he was obliged to go to hospital. At the G.C.H. he received every attention and although his condition was at first critical it was later hoped that he was on the way towards recovery. Yesterday, however, a change for the worse set in and he passed away shortly before 8 p.m.

The late Mr. Lammert, who was 55 years of age, was unmarried. He is survived by five brothers, three of whom, Messrs. G. Lammert, L. E. Lammert and H. A. Lammert, are in Hong Kong. Mr. C. H. Lammert is in Canton and Mr. R. S. Lammert is in Borneo. Deceased also leaves two married sisters in Hong Kong.

Mr. Lammert had been a well known athlete in his day and maintained a keen interest in the welfare of the Victoria Recreation Club of which he was at one time Honorary Secretary, holding the position for sixteen years. In his younger days he had excelled in swimming and rowing, and he also represented Hong Kong in interport cricket (1898-1900).

Mr. Frank Lammert had been with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire several years ago, serving with them in Hong Kong and also Yokohama. He was five years in British North Borneo before joining Mr. Lionel Lammert in the auctioneering business.

At 4.15 p.m. The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 4.15 p.m. (not 5 p.m. as previously reported).

FATHER SAPAGE DEAD.

EDUCATED AT MACAO
UNIVERSITY.

The "Straits Times" records the death on October 27 at the General Hospital, Singapore, of Father Antonio Abilio Sapage, Vicar of the Portuguese Church of St. Joseph, in Victoria Street, at the early age of 32 years.

Born at Freixo de Espada a Cinta, Portugal, on December 31, 1895, he came out when quite a boy to enter the University of Macao, where after completion of his theological study he was ordained priest on November 1, 1917, by the late Monsignor d'Azavedo y Castro, Bishop of Macao. He was sent to work in the Mission of Timor Dilly, whence he went to Singapore to relieve Father Braganca, on the latter going to Portugal on leave.

Father Sapage himself returned to Singapore about four months ago after a long furlough in Portugal. About a fortnight ago he was unwell, and on October 21 was removed to the General Hospital for treatment, and his unexpected death has cast a gloom, not only over his own parishioners, but over the priests and the parishioners of the other Roman Catholic Churches in Singapore, who held him in the very highest esteem for his singularly charming personality.

C.S.C.C. THEFT.

A rattan basket containing clothing and money to the total value of \$188 was reported to the police to have been stolen from the Civil Service Cricket Club some time between 9 p.m. on Tuesday and 6 a.m. yesterday. The basket was the property of one of the "boys."

WHEN DREADED CROUP COMES.

A thing of dread, that comes in the night without warning. Just a hoarse, metallic cough, a choking, gasping for breath, a threat of asphyxiation. Oh the relief of knowing that there is a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. See how it clears away the choking phlegm, stops the hoarse cough, and brings rest and sleep to the little sufferer. Sold everywhere.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A cricket ball landed in the Registrar's Office in the Supreme Court yesterday. Must have thought the Registrar was the official scorer!

Sandy MacPherson, after being shown to his room in an hotel, looked from the window and noticed a large illuminated clock in a tower across the street. He stopped his watch.

Sweetie—"What is the cure for seasickness?"
Salty—"Give it up."

"How do you play hooky from the correspondence school?"
"I send them an empty envelope."

Tom—"Why are your socks on wrong side out, Bob?"
Bob—"My feet were hot and I turned the hose on them."

First Stenog—"Did you observe Fire Prevention Week?"
Second Ditto—"Yes, I got into the office earlier; the boss was getting sore."

Some people are worrying how to keep the wolf from the door; others are figuring out how they can throw it out of the house before it has pups.

Jacobson's first term was by appointment of the Council after the conviction of Councilman Joseph J. Fitzpatrick of the Thirteenth District on charges of accepting a bribe. Los Angeles paper.

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"When I started in life," said the successful man pompously, "I resolved that my motto should be 'Get these behind me, Satan.'"
"Excellent," murmured a listener. "There's nothing like starting with a good backing."

A small boy had slapped a little girl. The teacher was quick to rebuke the youngster.

"Jackson," she said, "no gentleman would strike a lady."

The boy was all ready with his reply. It was: "Well, no lady would tickle a gentleman."

The meanest man to-day is the husband who'll shave the back of his wife's neck with the razor she's used to sharpen a pencil.

The old gentleman tumbled over a five-barred gate just in time to save himself from the angry bull. "You brute," he spluttered, shaking his fist at the animal, "and I've been a vegetarian all my life."

Golf is what letter-carrying, ditch-digging, and carpet-beating would be if those three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and coloured socks by gouty-looking gentlemen who required a different implement for every mood.

Neighbour—"Yes, but I ad the last word wiv him. I sez to 'im, I sez, 'You're as ugly as if you'd been measured for it.'"

Bird Cage and parrot offered by refined young lady having green feathers and yellow beak—Ad in the Salt Lake Tribune.

Q.—1. Are oysters fish?
A.—1. Wife of Jacob, mother of Joseph and Benjamin.

Messenger (to newboy)—"Who's the swell guy ye was talkin' to, Jimmie?"

Newsboy—"Aw, him and me's walked togadder for years. He's the editor o' one o' my papers."

Found—By wife returning from vacation, a lady's brooch in the back of husband's car. Owner may have same by paying for this notice, identifying property and admitting ownership.

Wife (who has caught her husband squandering a penny on a fortune-telling machine)—"H'm! So you're to have a beautiful and charming wife, are you? Not while I'm alive, Horace—not while I'm alive!"

Mrs. Shimmerpat, just back from Europe, said to Mrs. Beambrough: "I just couldn't bear looking at the ruins in Italy. They made me homesick for my husband."
"Homesick for your husband?"
"Uh huh. You know Henry has fallen asleep."

"IRENE" PIRACY

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Asked to say what he knew of each accused, the witness said that the first appeared to be one of the leaders as he was always giving orders to the others. He spoke good "pidgin" English. This accused spoke to the witness on deck in the afternoon of October 20 and asked him if everything was in order in the engine-room. He had no revolver then, but the witness had seen him with one when the piracy started. The second accused, the witness said, also spoke good "pidgin." The witness had a conversation with this man in the saloon on the evening of October 19 when he told the witness that he had been a fitter on a Blue Funnel and other British boats. The witness could not say if this man had a revolver or not, but he was always in the company of the pirates.

Gun Always Handy.

The third accused the witness considered was the most dangerous man as he always had his gun handy on the table in the saloon while eating or chatting. He looked like the chief leader of the pirates from the way he was always sending and receiving messages.

The fourth accused carried a gun about his neck dangling from a lanyard, while the witness did not notice if the fifth had a gun or not, but he was also always with the pirates.

By Mr. Leo d'Almeida, jun.: The witness was very frightened all the time the pirates were on the "Irene" so much so that he slept in the Second Engineer's cabin because his cabin was "too near the saloon to be safe." The witness believed the other officers were also frightened. Fright caused a lot of confusion, and this panic continued until they were taken to Hong Kong on the L4. The witness could not say anything about the passengers as he saw nothing of them.

By Mr. Whyte-Smith: The witness saw no confusion or panic on the ship up to dark on October 20 when the firing from the L4 started. Previous to that there was, of course, panic at the start of the piracy.

MANSION IN FLAMES.
FOUR PERSONS INCINERATED AT MAIDSTONE.

London, Oct. 18. As the result of an outbreak of fire at midnight at Waterbury Hall, Maidstone, the occupier, Captain Bazley-White, his wife, their four-year-old son, and a nurse aged 55 were incinerated.

Three servants escaped by climbing from a bedroom window. Other occupants of the house escaped by the staircase.

The bodies were recovered from the ground floor, having dropped through the ceiling, which collapsed.

The mansion, though comparatively modern, was full of oak beams and the fire had been burning for some time before it was discovered by a passerby who gave the alarm by throwing stones at the windows.

The occupants of the house were unable to get near the telephone. The fire brigade arrived an hour after the outbreak.

A servant tried vainly to save Mrs. Bazley-White, who was trapped in the corridor, screaming "Fire."

The body of a bull-terrier was also found.

The late Captain Bazley-White served as a Brigadier-General in the Egyptian Army and spent seven years in Egypt.—Reuter.

[Capt. John Bazley-White, J.P., D.L. (Kent), was born in 1847, and in 1876 married Lady Grace, the youngest daughter of the Countess of Rothes and Captain Hawthorth Leslie, late of the 60th Rifles. Deceased represented Gravesend in the House of Commons from 1885 to 1892, and was formerly an Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Volunteer Brigade, Cinque Ports Division, R.A.]

AVIATION IN INDIA.**LANDING GROUND AT EVERY CANTONMENT.**

Allahabad, Oct. 14. It is understood that aerodromes are to be constructed throughout the country to encourage civil aviation.

The route from Allahabad to Calcutta will be via Benares, Gaya, Alansol and Dum Dum.

Sites for aerodromes will also be selected at Lucknow and Cawnpore.

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PURSUIT OF HEALTH.**ETERNAL ENEMIES OF HEALTH.****WARRIORS OF GERM KINGDOM.**

(Published by the Ceylon Department of Medical and Sanitary Services.)

Sometimes when a nation goes to war with another nation, other countries are drawn in and join one side or the other. Each of the original combatants has its enemies and allies. When the war is concluded peace is restored and the nations are friends again. But we, as a human race, have an enemy whose nefarious activities make no distinction of caste, colour or creed, and whose hostilities are never at an end. That enemy is eternally at war with us, and its soldiers are tiny creatures who store up in themselves enormous energy for all their destructive work in the human kingdom. They are, in fact, the warriors of the Germ Kingdom.

As almost every powerful human kingdom has three chief divisions of its fighting force—namely, the Land force, the Navy and the most recently-developed one, the Air force—so have the Germs their Land force, their Navy and their Air force.

If these were only our temporary enemies casualties caused by them either as deaths or disabilities would number much less than they actually are, but the total toll these germs take from humanity all over the world, year after year, is much heavier than that exacted by all the wars put together. The last pandemic of Influenza carried away in one year many more lives than those lost during the Great War. This is but one instance of the strength and power of destruction of these germs. Therefore the fact that they are our enemies for ever and that there is no possibility of truce or armistice with them makes the situation more serious.

They are invisible to the naked eye and therefore more dangerous. They multiply at an enormous rate within a short period of time. It, therefore, behoves us to know, if we are to survive their destructive activities, where to look for them. We must know their methods of attack and their habitat, so that no pains may be spared to ensure us a total victory over them.

Although there are three divisions of these forces some of them are so clever that they can fight equally well on land and in water. For instance, Typhoid, Dysentery and Cholera germs which are the cause of the chief bowel diseases in this island, can attack us through both water and land. But perhaps by choice they would prefer to attack through water, for thereby they can kill at one effort more persons than through solid food and thus achieve greater success in their own kingdom. For example, when the water in Minneriya Ova in North Central Province became infected in 1925, with Cholera germs, the number of people who died as a result was 28, out of a total of 44, who were attacked.

Air Squadrons.

The Air force is equally powerful and its chief squadrons are the germs of Tuberculosis, Influenza, Pneumonia and Pneumonic Plague, etc.

Of the Land force the chief germ brigade of Hook-worms. In Ceylon, in each of the 9 provinces it was observed that more than 90 per cent. of the people examined had been attacked. Disability and death owing to such high percentage of attack are enormous. We have by allowing ourselves to be attacked in such proportion, signed, so to say, our own death warrants, and unless we take active and vigorous steps to rid us of the germs and their effects we have no means of escape.

Just as Cavalrymen mount on horses, so do some of these germs, such as the Cholera, Dysentery and Typhoid germs mount on a fly and attack us through our food whenever a chance presents itself. The same happens with the Plague germ which mounts on a flea and attacks men. Similarly mosquitoes carry germs of malaria and filaria. So does the louse carry the germs of typhus and relapsing fever.

These in brief, are some of the warriors of the germ kingdom. There are many more but time and space would not permit enumerating them in detail.

Although these germs have such an advantage over us yet we can fight and defeat them, if we realise our responsibilities and adopt scientific methods of warfare against them.

In all fights there are two chief methods of action brought into play, namely, the offensive and the defensive, both these are used in the fight between man and the germs.

Defensive Tactics.

Taking the question of hook-worm in the island, the method of action should consist of the defensive—such as preventing soil pollution and building and using

latrines; and the offensive—in treating all infected people with oil of chenopodium and carbon tetrachloride so as to kill all worms in the systems. The hook-worm campaign working in Ceylon supplies the offensive weapons free to all who want them, but the defensive weapons are already in your possession and both of them can be utilised the moment you make up your mind to fight the worm. As for the other germs which have flies as their charges, namely, cholera, typhoid and dysentery, the defensive steps lie in eradicating all chances of the breeding of these mounts by proper disposal of refuse of various sorts and thus paralyzing the germs for want of a carrier and preventing their access to food. Where mosquitoes are the mounts, the stagnation of water, whether in broken pots or pans, tins or tumblers, swamps or sluggish streams near your dwellings should be prevented and quinine should be taken regularly both for cure and prevention. When rat fleas are the carriers, the rat population which gets the disease first should be destroyed by traps; or poisons and granaries should be rendered rat-proof. Where lice are the vectors personal cleanliness should be ensured.

Coming to the navy of the germ kingdom, our line of action lies in guarding our waters, and destroying the germ by disinfectants. Defensive steps therefore consist in using clean, filtered water and in taking inoculations against typhoid and cholera. The offensive steps lie in boiling drinking water so as to make it "hot" for the enemy and in killing the germs by disinfectants, such as permanganate of potash, electrolytic, chlorine, etc.

Of the germ air force the tuberculosis germ is an important warrior. Although not a disease that occurs in epidemics, tuberculosis causes as many slow but sure deaths as several epidemic diseases combined. The tuberculosis germ is one of those germs which is impossible to shake off once it attacks its victim. Hence the task of fighting it is at once imperative and difficult. The solution lies in prevention when cure is uncertain and doubtful. In this case there is no specific poison by which we can kill the germ but prevention and cure merge one into the other.

The defensive measures to be adopted are: (1) the early removal of the diseased person to a sanatorium or hospital, (2) improvement in housing conditions—overcrowding in houses is a potent factor in the increase and spread of the disease. These germs thrive in vitiated air and ill-ventilated houses. Thorough ventilation should be provided by a plentiful supply of windows and doors and by keeping these open as far as possible both during the day and night. Building the house in a low lying damp site is another contributory factor in the causation of the disease, for dampness is an ally of Tuberculosis. (3) As much sunlight as possible should be allowed to enter houses which should be built in such a way that the greatest quantity of sunlight is available in the rooms. Like dampness, darkness is also an ally of Tubercle bacilli, and sun light is the remedy for that. It is at the same time a preventive and a curative agent and above all it can be obtained free. It is a pity that both these agents, the sun and air, which are available always and in abundance in our country and which do not charge for their visits, should not be in greater demand. (4) The avoidance of indiscriminate spitting, of over fatigue, of chill, of dusty occupations and of infected rooms.

Influenza.

In recent years no other germ has caused so much loss of human lives in a single epidemic as influenza. From India alone in 1918 it took away 8½ million lives in little over a year. The germs are discharged through the air loaded in nasal and throat secretions—in the form of a spray—and lodge in uninfected persons. Prevention lies in avoiding over fatigue, chill, crowded places, and above all in avoiding close contact with patients. In the case of Pneumonia and Pneumonic Plague close contact with patients should be equally avoided.

Above has been given a short description of our germ enemies, but besides these, there are a few other factors which are equally inimical and dangerous to health. These are our general ignorance and apathy, superstitions, conservative customs, prejudice and fear about things new, lack of interest in and at times determined resistance to measures calculated to improve public health. All these militate against any steps adopted to fight our enemies of the germ kingdom and the result is disease and death.

The remedy lies in widening our views and interesting ourselves in health problems in general and trying to keep pace with the strides of progress that more advanced countries are making in this direction. The war office that controls this warfare against the germ kingdom in each country is its public

CINEMA NOTES.**DEMPSEY-SHARKEY FIGHT FILM.****"NEW BROOMS" AT WORLD.**

The new programme at the World Theatre to-day has a double interest, presenting an excellent feature film in "New Brooms" and the official film record of the Dempsey-Sharkey Fight.

Besides showing the contest in full detail, round by round, the fight film clearly shows—in slow motion—the clip under the jaw Sharkey gave Dempsey after the gong had rung for the end of the seventh round.

"New Brooms" is the entertaining story of a young man who thought he knew how to run the family business better than his father until hard experience taught him otherwise.

The leading players in "New Brooms" are Neil Hamilton as the son, Bessie Love as a charming little house-keeper, and Phyllis Haver as the mercenary fiancée.

This double programme will be screened at all performances in the World Theatre until Saturday.

"TRIUMPH."

In "Triumph" which comes to the Star Theatre to-day, the famous director, Cecil B. De Mille, turns from ancient history, which he depicted in "The Ten Commandments," to the type of modern society love drama with which he scored his first successes.

"Triumph" is a typical De Mille production, with its gorgeous settings, luxurious backgrounds, beautiful women, flashing gowns and big array of featured players. Leatrice Joy, Rod La Rocque and Victor Varconi have the principal roles, with Julia Faye, Theodore Kosloff, Zasu Pitts and Raymond Hatten in the supporting cast.

The picture presents the story of a strong man ruined by money and a weak man made strong by the loss of it, helped by a beautiful girl. The girl is first seen amid the thunder of machinery in a factory and later as an opera singer at the pinnacle of "Triumph" with wealth, jewels, applause.

"MICHAEL STROGOFF."

Crowded houses again greeted the wonderful screen version of Jules Verne's great story "Michael Strogoff" in the Queen's Theatre yesterday. The picture, which presents a thrilling adventure tale in vivid settings, will be screened until Saturday, and it should be noted that owing to its unusual length, performances begin promptly at the time advertised namely, 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20.

MECHANIC AS "EMPEROR."

Claims to be the Son of an Austrian Crown Prince.

Vienna, Sept. 26.

Henry Grimm, German mechanic, who has extracted considerable sums of money from the peasantry by styling himself "Emperor Francis Joseph II. of Austria-Hungary," has been arrested and returned to Germany as an undesirable alien.

One of his bogus documents declared him to be the son of the late Crown Prince Rudolf and the Baroness Vetsera, who were found dead together in the Crown Prince's shooting box at Mayerling, in the Vienna Forest, in 1889.

Another document, alleged to be the will of the Crown Prince Rudolf, executed the same night, declared that "Francis Joseph II." should be educated in a monastery, and a codicil from "Francis Joseph" declared that the arrested man was the "sole representative of the monarchical principle in Austria-Hungary," and a "will of the late ex-Emperor Karl" appointed him "Vice-Emperor of Austria."

GERMAN SALARIES BILL.

No Need for Fresh Taxation.

Berlin, Oct. 26.

The Reich Finance Minister opened a committee session on the official salaries bill with an exhaustive survey of the present trend in the condition of Germany's finances stating, inter alia, that additional expenditure due to the recently drafted bills was coverable by expected surpluses, and planned economies without resorting to fresh taxes.

The Minister added that new loans were not contemplated in view of the money market's condition. Germany will continue, he honestly her exertions to fulfil the Dawes plan, to which she is committed.

health department aided by the full co-operation of its people. Our task, therefore, is to offer such co-operation, and thus ensure a successful issue of the war by a combined and determined stand against the enemy. Then should we expect to have in this island an A1 population and all that it connotes.

Shadows Before.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "HAIL."****Entertainments.**

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Michael Strogoff."

To-day—World Theatre: "New Brooms" and Dempsey-Sharkey fight.

To-day—Star Theatre: "Triumph."

To-day—Entertainment at Government House under the auspices of, and in aid of the H.K.W.L. & M.C.L., 5 p.m.

November 6-7—Queen's Theatre: "That's My Baby."

November 6-7—World Theatre: "Merton of the Movies."

November 6-7—Star Theatre: "The Boy of Flanders."

November 6-9—Chinese Picture at World Theatre, "Ma Long Dong."

November 8-9—Queen's Theatre: "The Blind Goddess."

November 8-9—World Theatre: "The Boob."

November 8-9—Star Theatre: "The Dressmaker from Paris."

November 10-11—Queen's Theatre: "The Untamed Lady."

November 10-11—World Theatre: "He Who Gets Slapped."

November 10-11—Star Theatre: "The Spanish Dancer."

November 10—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 10—Opening performance of the H.K.A.D.C. "Bulldog Drummond," Theatre Royal.

Sports.

To-day—Ping Pong: S.A.C.C. v. Hop Ying Club at Y.M.C.A.

November 4—Hockey: Match: University 2nd XI v. Punjabis on Marina ground, 6 p.m.

November 5—Annual Athletic sports meeting of the H.K.V.D.C., K.C.C. ground, Kowloon.

November 5—Seventh extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 9—Eighth bi-annual "Trevelyan Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

Lammer's Auctions.

November 4—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of Postage Stamps (used and unused), 5.15 p.m.

November 8—A valuable collection of Curios from Peking, black wood cabinets and screens, etc., Sales Room, Duddell St., 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

November 4—Meeting of the Licensing Board, in the Council Chamber, noon.

November 10—Meeting of creditors (re Macao Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., in liquidation) at the Liquidators' office, 3 Queen's Road, noon.

November 29—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Jumble sale at Union Church, Kennedy Road, from 2.30 p.m.

To-night—"Ladies' Night" at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

November 7—Debate on "That Marriage is a Hindrance to a Successful Career" at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club.

November 8—Bazaar of the Canadian Institute (Italian Convent) 38, Caine Road, 10 a.m.

To-day—Reel Club seventh practice, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

November 7—Public lecture at Helena May Institute on "Aviation," 5.30 p.m.

November 9—L.R.C. Committee "At Home" to members and friends at Club ground, Peak Road, when Hard Court finals will be played off, from 3 p.m.

November 12—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club garden fête.

November 7—Official opening of the New Territories Agricultural Show, 2.30 p.m.

November 17—Vice-President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" to members and their friends at Helena May Institute.

November 23—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

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to Chinese.

It is announced by the Royal
Naval Ordnance Department that
unserviceable cordite will be burnt
at Stonecutters Island on Friday
evening next.

Inventions privileges in Johore
have been granted to General Rub-
ber Company, New York, in respect
of latex preservation and to H. E.
Coley, of London in respect of ore
reduction.

The annual general meeting of
the Hong Kong Horticultural
Society will be held on Tuesday,
November 29, in the Board Room
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., at 6.15 p.m.

Inventions privileges have been
granted to W. Hussey, of
Switzerland, in respect to mineral
oil and alcohol compounds; to
Michelin & Cie, of France, in re-
spect of tapes for tyres and wheel
rims, etc.

An important case has been
fixed for hearing in the Supreme
Court, Kuala Lumpur, in which cer-
tain landowners are objecting to
the valuation of the Valuer-Gen-
eral, of houses in Java Street
from Malacca Street corner up to
the High Street corner.

Although the Taipo Bridge
has now been actually completed,
seven days are to be allowed to en-
sure that the concrete has thor-
oughly set and in the meantime
the F.W.D. is carrying out the
finishing touches to the ap-
proaches. It is anticipated that
the bridge will be opened on Nov-
ember 10 and the round-the-
Territories circuit will then be pos-
sible for all types of vehicles.
The old bridge has been entirely
dispensed with and the new one
built on more suitable founda-
tions.

Although King's College is no
longer in use as a military hospi-
tal it is understood that it is not
the intention of the Education De-
partment to recall the students
who, during the period of its use
by the military were transferred to
other schools, until the New Year.
Arising out of inquiries made in
this particular, the Director of
Education wishes to contradict the
report appearing in the vernacular
newspapers that the Government
intends reducing its subsidy to
vernacular schools. In this con-
nection it is understood that pro-
vision has been made in the 1928
Estimates for an increase in such
subsidies.

A jumble sale is being held
at the Union Church, Kennedy
Road, to-day, at 2.30 p.m.

There will be another "Ladies'
Night" at the European Y.M.C.A.
this evening, and a very attractive
programme has been arranged.

A paper on "The Gubernacu-
lum" was read by Dr. E. W. Kirk,
M.D., Ch. B., F.R.G.S., at a meet-
ing of the Hong Kong University
Medical Society last evening.

The establishment of a ferry
service between Wanchai and Yau-
mat, Kowloon City and Hunghom,
provided Government permission
can be obtained, is contemplated by
local Chinese merchants. It is
proposed to have a wharf near
No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai.

As a parting "how" to the
Hong Kong public, the cruisers of
the 1st Squadron which left Hong
Kong this morning to rejoin the
Mediterranean Fleet, gave a
searchlight tattoo last night when
the lights from the four cruisers
in question combined in a most
effective display.

As the result of a fall whilst
carrying a bottle in his hand, a
six-year-old Indian boy living in
Taipo was yesterday injured in
the stomach which was pierced by
fragments of glass from the bottle
which was smashed by the boy's
fall. The lad is now in the Kow-
loon Hospital in a serious condi-
tion.

Mr. Norotamas Zavari was
summoned before Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell at the Central Police Court,
yesterday for keeping an un-
licensed dog. He said that his
dog was only three months old,
but the police officer who took out
the summons deposed that it was
a full-grown animal. The defend-
ant was fined \$5, and was advised
to take out a licence immediately.

At the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield made
an order for the demolition of No.
255, Kowloon Tong which had been
half completed when the contractor,
Chu Kee, was summoned before his
Worship for using lime mortar of
an inferior quality, which was be-
low the requirements of the Build-
ing Authority. According to Mr.
P. C. Morgan, a sample of the
mortar which he took was so in-
ferior in quality that it broke under
a pressure which was between eight
and nine pounds below the strength
required. In addition to making
the order for demolition of the
building, the Magistrate fined the
contractor \$50.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. B. J. R. Barton has been ap-
pointed to serve temporarily as a
member of the rubber assessment
committee in Johore.

Mr. J. B. Scrivenor, Government
Geologist, Batu Gajah, who is at
present on home leave, writes that
he hopes to be back in Perak in
February.

Mr. J. H. Baring-Gould, of the
Penang branch of the Great East-
ern Life Assurance Company, Ltd.,
accompanied by Mrs. Baring-Gould
returned from home leave by the
"Mongolla."

R. S. Gehrett, an old resident of
Manila, died of heart disease at his
home recently. Mr. Gehrett was
born at Atchinson, Kansas in 1873.
He went to the Philippines as a
member of the 20th Kansas Volun-
teer Infantry and for the past seven
years has been employed by the
Lyric Film Exchange.

Much sympathy will go out from
many friends to Mr. W. R. Hillier,
of the Harbour Office, in the be-
reavement he has sustained by the
death of his eleven months' old son,
Pefer William George Hillier, who
died at the French Hospital, Cause-
way Bay yesterday. The funeral
passes the Monument to-day at 5
p.m.

Among the many passengers who
arrived here by the R.M.S. "Em-
press of Asia" were Commander
C. E. Hartford and Mrs. Hartford,
Mrs. Kern, Mrs. S. H. Dutton, Mr.
C. G. Mackie, Mr. P. Tester, Mr.
E. Potter, Mr. J. S. Landolt and
Mrs. Landolt, Mr. R. J. Abbott,
Mr. R. C. Burdin, and Mr. R. R.
Roxburgh.

Mr. Ryaichi Kishi, Agricultural
Commissioner for the Japanese
Government, and Mr. H. Ogiwara,
of the Japanese Imperial Zoo-
technical Experiment Station, Chi-
bi, visited the great egg-laying
test at Bentley, Suffolk. Japan is
anxious to improve its poultry in-
dustry and is contemplating the
establishment of a similar test.
The visitors took numerous photo-
graphs at Bentley and inspected
the houses and trap-nesting de-
vices.

Manila, Oct. 11.—Leon Flores,
Filipino insurgent, deported to
Guam twenty-seven years ago, re-
turned to Manila, recently. Flores
was one of a large number of re-
bels who were sent to Guam by
orders of the American Manila au-
thorities, but who were granted an
amnesty after a year's stay there.
General Artemio Ricarte, now a
resident of Japan, refused to ac-
cept the amnesty and still conducts
a campaign for independence by
mail.

Mr. Chee Swee-cheng, banker, of
Singapore, left London on Sept. 24,
sailing from Southampton to New
York, en route for Singapore.

Passengers arriving yesterday by
s.s. "Borneo" from Haiphong in-
cluded Mr. A. Glass, manager of
the Standard Oil Company at that
port and Mr. W. W. Brazier of the
Chinese Maritime Customs.

The Venerable Archdeacon Ting
Ing-ong was consecrated as As-
sistant Bishop of Fukien, in All
Saints Church, on November 1.

Passengers leaving by the "Em-
press of Asia" for Manila yester-
day included Mrs. Allen, Cameron,
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harrison and
Major H. G. Lee Warner.

President Coolidge will attend
the Pan-American Congress at
Cuba in January, at which the
United States delegation will be
the Chairman, former Secretary of
State Hughes, and the Ambassa-
dors Henry Fletcher and Dwight
Morrow.—Reuter.

Information has been received by
cable of the success in obtaining
the qualifications of L.R.C. and S.
and L.F.P. and S. of the Edinburgh
University by Mr. R. Kandiah,
brother of the late Mr. R. Karthi-
gasa, headmaster of the Methodist
Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, and
brother-in-law of Mr. K. Visvalin-
gam, of the Central Audit Office.

When Mr. H. C. Sells, who is
53, goes on leave prior to re-
tirement in the near future, Mr.
H. B. Shelley, at present Controller
of Rubber, will act as Secretary for
Postal Affairs. Mr. Shelley's suc-
cessor in the post of Controller will
represent the tenth change in that
post since Restriction was intro-
duced under Mr. J. E. Nathan five
years ago.

Quite a pleasant little dinner
was held at the U.S.S. "General
Alava" in Shanghai, when the
chiefs and petty officers presented
a handsome set of silver plate to
Chief Machinist Mate H. Fontaine
Smith, and his wife as a token of
their regard. The dinner was at-
tended by a number of civilian
friends of the newly wedded pair
and was quite an elaborate func-
tion, the table being decorated and
a special menu served which in-
cluded as pièce de résistance roast
turkey with oyster dressing, for-
loved with lobster salad, Ameri-
can lettuce and the like.

Mr. T. Funatay, Director-Gen-
eral of the Japan Spinning Mill
Owners' Union, Shanghai (ex-
Consul-General, Mukden), has ar-
rived in Dairen. He went ashore
at Tsingtao and learned that the
tax of 80 cents per picul of import
raw cotton has been raised from
50 cents from the 10th inst. Mr.
Funatay thinks the 80 cents tax ex-
orbitant enough, and the new 100
per cent rate being considered as
prohibitive to one but the Chi-
nese merchants is paying it. As
the Chinese might lay a tax on cot-
ton yarn and cotton cloth, the
withdrawal of the new levy on raw
cotton is under negotiation.



Mrs. Florence Stark of Camden, N. J., who was elected national president of the women's auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their annual encampment at Providence, R. I.

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Though little of a war-like nature has taken place on the
respective Chinese "fronts" during the past week, much of
political import has happened. The neighbouring province of
Kwangtung has furnished the most interesting news in this
respect, in view of the gradual return to Canton of various
prominent Nationalists who have been siding with the Nanking
or Hankow factions during the past few months. Now that
these two forces have come to blows on the Yangtze and
all prospects of a united Nationalist front in that quarter have
disappeared, certain leaders are trekking back to their
"spiritual home," Canton. How they are being received and
the effect their coming may have on the policy of Gen. Li
Chai-sum, the ruler of Canton, is set out by our Chinese
observers and staff men in this week's "Overland Mail,"
which also contains exclusive accounts of developments in the
Fengtien-Shansi campaign.

Besides China news, local events are fully covered in the
"Overland." There are full accounts of the trial of the alleged
pirates who were aboard the s.s. "Irene" when she was shelled
by a British naval vessel, and there is a description of the
execution of the murderers of the late Mrs. Mackay, who was
done to death by two Chinese on the roadside. Hong Kong's
sporting activities, particularly in regard to the coming
triangular Interport cricket contests, are fully dealt with,
together with all news of social and commercial importance.

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SPORTS

CRICKET SENSATION.

Sutcliffe To Captain Yorkshire.

REMAINS A PROFESSIONAL.

Lord Hawke in Spite Of Famous Dictum, Approves.

London, Yesterday.

A sensation has been created in the cricket world by the action of the Yorkshire County Club appointing Herbert Sutcliffe as



County captain. Sutcliffe remains a professional.

Lord Hawke, who once said: "I pray to God that no professional will ever captain England," presided at a Leeds meeting and interviewed, said: "Hobbs will laugh and say that I have gone back on my opinion, but Yorkshire is a different matter from England."

Yorkshire has not had a professional captain since Tom Emmett, in 1883, whom Lord Hawke succeeded. Sutcliffe is no en route to South Africa with the M.C.C. team, but it is understood he knew the position and was not likely to refuse the captaincy.—Reuter.

FULL SCORES IN INTERPORT TRIAL.

A CENTURY BY BRACE.

Following are the full scores in the interport trial match yesterday:

United Services.

Lt. Garrett, R.N., c Dale, b	18
Lt. Dynas, c Pearce, b Brace	58
Surg.-Comdr. Hull, R.N., c and	
b Goodwin	23
Capt. Graham, c Goodwin, b	
Brace	6
Capt. Bridgeland, l.b.w., b	
Brace	7
Mid. Merriman, R.N., c Dobbie,	
b Hankey	9
Capt. Morris, c Hayward, b	
Brace	2
Mid. Begg, R.N., c Wales, b	
Brace	6
Capt. Erskine, c Pearce, b Reed	
Lt. Melsome, not out	2
Pay-Comdr. Elstob, c Dale, b	
Reed	0
Byes 13, leg bye 1	14

Total 145

Fall of wickets:—1 for 42; 2 for 77; 3 for 112; 4 for 121; 5 for 122; 6 for 132; 7 for 132; 8 for 143; 9 for 145; 10 for 145.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Dobbie	6	1	10
E. B. Reed	7	1	3
Lt. J. H. Dale, R.N.	2	0	12
C. D. Wales	8	0	26
F. C. Goodwin	7	2	28
Lt. J. A. Hankey	6	1	17
W. Brace	7	2	23

"Possibles."

A. W. Hayward, b Garrett	19
W. Brace, retired	103
A. W. Ramsey, b Melsome	1
Lt. J. B. A. Hankey, b Hull	44
T. E. Pearce, c Elstob, b	
Erskine	25
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, not out	55
Lt. J. H. Dale, R.N., not out	55
Extras: byes 22, leg byes	
6, no ball 1	29

Total (for 5 wks.) 349

Lt. J. H. Dale, R.N., G. Goodwin, C. D. Wales, E. B. Reed and Lt. K. Hunt, R.N., did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 27; 2 for 28; 3 for 160; 4 for 198; 5 for 211.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Melsome	18	2	85
Garrett	10	1	54
*Erskine	10	2	35
Dynas	7	0	59
Hull	10	1	53
Elstob	2	0	28
Morris	1	0	10

"D" CO. QUEEN'S v. "D" CO. K.O.S.B.

The "D" Companies of the Queen's and K.O.S.B. Regiments met in a friendly match yesterday afternoon at Sookumpoo, the result being a win for the former by 77 runs. For the winners Lieut. Fairtlough (46), Capt. Haggard (47) and Lieut. Kealy (49) batted well and Miles later took 5 wickets for 26 runs, having hard luck in missing a "hat trick" when he took three wickets with four balls. The side made 184 runs, to which the Scottish Borders replied with 107. For the losers Lieut. Welch was the outstanding batsman playing through the innings for 61, and Hill was the best bowler taking 8 wickets for 69 runs.

FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S DRAW WITH THE K.O.S.B.

FIRST DIVISION MATCH.

This game was played at Sookumpoo yesterday and ended in a draw of two goals all.

The game opened with the K.O.S.B. pressing but the Queen's soon assumed the upper hand. A free kick against Davey sent the Queen's in and they forced a corner which was sent behind from the flag kick. During a rush on the K.O.S.B. goal, Everest handled in the penalty area and from the spot kick Barclay beat Anderson and opened the score for the Queen's.

Half time:—Queen's 1, K.O.S.B. 0.

The second half opened with the Queen's attacking strongly. Gardiner gave away a corner but the flag kick went behind. Larking sent across the goal mouth and the ball being promptly returned, Barclay beat Anderson, giving the Queen's a two goals lead.

Everest brought the ball out and sent Humphreys forward; the latter beating Moss from close range. Later, McGillachy received in midfield, lobbed the ball forward and Humphreys running in, beat Moss with a well placed shot.

Result: Queen's 2; K.O.S.B., 2.

LEAGUE POSITION UP TO DATE.

Senior Division.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Chinese Ath.	5	5	0	0	19	1	7
Raffles	4	3	1	0	9	4	7
Scots Guards	3	3	1	2	11	6	7
K.O.S.B.	5	2	3	0	9	4	7
R.A.	5	3	0	2	10	8	6
Police	7	2	1	4	4	8	5
Queen's Regt.	5	2	1	2	10	8	5
Kowloon	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
S. China	6	1	2	3	4	16	4
Club	4	1	0	3	5	14	2
R.A.F.	6	0	1	5	4	12	1

Junior Division "A."	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
K.O.S.B.	5	5	0	0	25	1	10
Chinese Ath.	5	4	0	1	12	8	8
St. Joseph's	3	3	1	1	7	10	7
Raffles	5	2	1	2	11	10	5
University	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
R.A. Res.	4	2	0	2	4	6	4
S. China "B"	5	1	2	2	7	4	4
Kowloon	5	1	0	4	7	12	2
Club Res.	4	1	0	3	2	9	2
S. China "A"	5	1	0	4	3	15	2

Junior Division "B."	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Kung Woo	4	3	0	1	18	6	6
St. Joseph's	4	2	2	0	14	8	6
Chinese Ath.	3	2	1	0	13	6	5
S. China "B"	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Moslems	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Boy Scouts	4	1	0	3	9	11	2
S. China "A"	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Kowloon	4	0	0	4	1	20	1

RACING.

GORDON RICHARDS CAUTIONED BY STEWARDS.

London, Oct. 14.

The leading jockey, Gordon Richards, was called on by the Stewards to explain his riding of Saint Reynard in the Cesarewitch. His explanation was accepted, but he was cautioned.

Richards was reported for seriously interfering with the winner, Eagle's Pride. The Stewards found that this was accidental, but due to his reckless use of the whip. Saint Reynard finished second in Wednesday's race.—Times of Ceylon.



Harry Filpen of the Newark A.C. who won the national pentathlon title at Brooklyn, N.Y., captured two events and placed second in the other three of the five-event championship. Filpen's total was three points, with Paul Gonzales, of the New York A.C., second, with 14, tallies. Carlton Seid, of the Varianco A.C., was third with 16 points. The A.A.U. National Pentathlon championship was an added feature of the New York Turn Society's semi-annual games.

BOXING.

"IRON BUX" GIVES EXHIBITION BOUT.

There was a good gathering of interested spectators in the Club room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, last evening, when four exhibition boxing bouts arranged by the committee were put through. They were all of three rounds duration and some good exchanges were witnessed.

The main event was between "Iron" Bux, a former champion of the Orient who had fought at all weights from batam to middle, and Gillies who gave the former "terror" a good fight. However, as the bout was only an exhibition, the men did not try for a win. Bux, who still has speed and a punch, was, if anything, inclined to be lenient, and several times left himself open, and received some hefty knocks in the fact without turning the proverbial hair.

Mead and Stephens staged a fast and exciting set-to, in which they did not spare each other. The other two bouts did not amount to much, the men showing very little science.

Following the exhibitions there was an impromptu concert in which three Chinese fiddlers and other string instrumentalists gave an enjoyable demonstration of Chinese music.

DIVORCE PLEA.

CLAIMS OF BOXING AND MATRIMONY.

Strasbourg, Oct. 17.

Breiten Straeter, Germany's boxing dol, has launched a divorce suit for "business reasons."

He declares that his love for his wife is undiminished and he does not reproach her for anything, but he is convinced that a boxer's life is incompatible with a husband's. No boxer, he says, should contemplate matrimony until he retires because attention to his wife and family cares preclude the essential intensive training.

BILLIARDS.

STEEL AND COULSON'S LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
St. Patricks	17	13	4	28
K.O.S.B.	14	11	3	22
Dockyard Rec. C.	18	10	8	20
Warders	13	9	4	18
Garr. Moss	14	9	5	18
R.E. & R.C.S.	18	8	10	18
Royal Artillery	18	4	14	8
Queen's	18	4	14	8
Police	18	4	14	8
Northants	10	2	8	4
Pay Corps	18	2	11	4



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HOCKEY.

CLUB 1ST XI AND H.K.S.R.A. DRAW.

The hockey match on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon between the Club 1st XI and the H.K.S.R.A. ended in a draw of one goal each.

The Club led by the only goal scored by Whitley until within a few minutes of the close and the efforts of the Artillerymen proved successful in gaining the equaliser.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI V. PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI against the Punjabis to-day, at 5 p.m. on Marina ground.—Messrs. A. A. Aziz (Captain), G. E. Yeoh, V. Enok, A. B. Suleman, F. Y. Khoo, F. Zimmern, S. C. Ho, S. Kermani, N. P. Noh, N. F. Lai and A. N. Other.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

QUALIFIERS IN U.S.A. TOURNAMENT.

New York, Yesterday.

Thirty-two qualifiers competed in the first round over 36 holes. M. Dutra beat Alcroft 12 and 11, Anthony Manero beat Bob Cruickshanks 4 and 2, Tommy Armour beat Johnny Farrell of Quakeridge 4 and 3, Hagen beat Jack Farrell, unattached, 3 and 2, Sarazen beat J. Curley one up. Other winners were Tom Hartman, Edward Dudley, Charlie Guest, Cooper, Espinos, Turnesa, Willie Klein, John Golden, Harold Long, Gallett and Ralph Beach.—Reuter's American Service.

HONEST MAN FOUND.

New York, Sept. 26.

Mr. George A. Tuma, of Cicero, a suburb of Chicago, bet on Tunney to win, but says that his watch showed that Tunney lay on the floor for fourteen and a half seconds in the seventh round. He therefore insisted on paying as loser rather than collecting as winner, declaring that Dempsey won on a knockout.

WIN FOR WALKER.

MIKE MCTIGUE KNOCKED OUT EARLY.

Chicago, Yesterday.

Mickey Walker, the middleweight champion, knocked out Mickey Mctigue, the ex-light heavyweight champion, in a ten round bout at the Coliseum. The knockout came two minutes and fifteen seconds from the start.—Reuter's American Service.

FRANCE & BELGIUM.

MARSHAL PETAIN ON CO-OPERATION.

Brussels, Sept. 12.

In his speech at Dinant yesterday, during the unveiling of the memorial to the French soldiers who died in 1914, Marshal Petain said:

"Let us avoid a too pessimistic view of the future. Let us rather proclaim after so many sacrifices, our legitimate hope for an honourable and prolonged peace. But let us not fall asleep in our confidence. Whatever international agreements may be concluded in the future we know that they are not always sufficient to place frontiers beyond the risk of attack. Our interests therefore are linked together. The same dangers, from without, the same need of defence, the same anxiety to safeguard our common culture necessarily bring us together.

"Within the framework of our institutions let us be in agreement on the questions affecting our very existence, and particularly on those of national defence. Let us endeavour to harmonize our solutions of these questions and to make them conformable with one another in all that concerns the organisation of forces, the fortification of frontiers, and the training of troops. Thus we shall facilitate the eventual co-operation of our armies. We cannot forget that behind Liege, Namur, and Verdun, on the Meuse, are the bastions of the same line of defence. May this French cemetery in Belgian territory, and this monument, remind us of the necessity of our union."

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Bank 4 months' sight	2/17/18
Credits 4 months' sight	2/17/18
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/17/18
On Paris	1240
On demand	1240
Credits 4 months' sight	1315
On Berlin	—
On demand	—
On New York	48%
On demand	48%
Credits 60 days' sight	50%
On Bombay	—
Wire	133%
On demand	133%
On Calcutta	—
Wire	133%
On demand	133%
On Singapore	86%
On demand	86%
On Manila	98
On demand	98
On Shanghai	78%
On demand	78%
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	104%
On demand	104%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.65
Silver (per oz.)	26%
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cents nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cash 6% pm.	—
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	30% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.	—

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T.T. on Shanghai	178%
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Chartered Bank	120%
Chartered Bank (old)	120%
Mercantile A. & B.	120%
do. (C)	120%
P. & O. Bank	120%
East Asia	120%
Marine Insurance	120%
Canton Insurance	120%
China Underwriters	120%
North China Insurance	120%
Union Insurance	120%
Yangtze Insurance	120%
Fire Insurance	120%
China Fire Insurance	120%
H.K. Fire Insurance	120%
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Singapore Tramways	120%
Taxis	120%
Miscellaneous	120%
H.K. Amusements	120%
Canton Ice	120%
Cements (comb.)	120%
do. (old)	120%
do. (new)	120%
China Lights (comb.)	120%
do. (old)	120%
do. (new)	120%
China Prov.	120%
H.K. Constructions	120%
Dairy Farms	120%
Der A. Wings	120%
H.K. Electric	120%
Macao Electric	120%
H.K. Ropes (old)	120%
do. (new)	120%
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Mackintosh	120%
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United Asbestos	120%
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Nanyang Tobacco	120%
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

FOR THE YOUNG.

A BOY AND HIS BOOKS.

Mr. John K. Ewers writes in the "West Australian":—

From the time a child learns to distinguish the phonetic value of the letters of the alphabet and to recognise them as words when placed in proper sequence, there opens up before him a veritable wonderland of new experiences, new pleasures. He becomes then enthralled by the doings and the sayings, the pains and the joys of the boys and girls, and men and women who materialise from the pages as he reads. It is a liberal thralldom this, into which he finds himself cast and held. I think at no time in later life, does a person read with so much clear characterisation, so much acute visualisation, as in the days of boyhood and of youth.

I well remember that a kindly aunt, with whom I lived during my first four years of school, provided me with a small sixteen page fairy-story book once a week. It was my happy privilege (I grew to regard it as a natural right) to awaken each and every Sunday morning to find one of these, together with a bar of chocolate placed under my pillow. Any words fall utterly to express the luxurious anticipation with which I groped for them there, the momentary flush of disappointment when I couldn't find them, and the wild burst of delight when I did.

It was but a short step to pick up from my older companions the inimitable penny school series.... "The Gem," "The Magnet," "The Penny Popular," and in them to follow the adventures of Billy Bunter, Frank Nugent, Tom Merry, Lord Mauleverer and others. And looking back on the undiluted joy, they gave me. I wonder if the adults, who now-a-days look askance at such stories, really understand the child-mind, and its capacity for enjoyment.

It is a problem to most thinking parents to know what their boys shall read. In order to cultivate a "correct" taste, they place before their children books which appear, to their adult mind, to be suitable for children. Yet the sight of a boy poring over "Adam Bede," "The Mill on the Floss," or "John Halifax, Gentleman," moves me to compassion. The reading of such books is like the forcing of a flower under unnatural conditions. The resulting bloom will be beautiful beyond conception, undeniably "correct,"... but oh, so fragile! So with the boy's mind.

Two classes of stories make a general appeal to boys... those dealing with school life, and those chock-full of adventure. To a certain type, the soft, sob-invoking sentiment of a slum story with a strong religious lesson intertwined may also appeal. A perusal of the books boys are reading will reveal an obvious lack of true colour, and frequently an absolute disregard for facts. Thus pine trees may be made to flourish in a story of the Australian goldfields, and one lad of twelve may be made to overpower three hefty ruffians. But a boy's credulity is large, and he will pass these things (though not without query) because of his absorption in the plot. Adults read equally foolish improbabilities... often without realising the fact. With the boy the plot is everything, and rightly so. He has neither the faculty nor the mature experience to follow psychological development.

From the adventure stories of Ellis, Ballantyne and Henty, it is a quick step, and a natural one, to the American Wild West novel. Zane Grey, Mulford, Kyne, and such will probably rank high in his esteem. Ask any boy of, say sixteen, and he will admit complete adoration for them. He will talk to you of Buck Duane and Hopalong Cassidy, with the familiarity of old friends. Now, it is common knowledge that many adults are definite-

ly opposed to youths reading such stuff. Why? What would they offer as substitutes? Dickens, Thackeray, Emerson, Shakespeare... or The War Cry. The grounds of their objections briefly stated, are that the boy will acquire a fondness for Wild-West literature, and will have no desire to read anything else. Such reasoning is, of course, puerile.

The boy's mind is by no means the fixed thing they imagine it to be. Because he reads Zane Grey at sixteen, it does not follow that he will read him at twenty-six. As a matter of fact, it is almost a certainty that he will not. The youthful mind is in a state of change. It is developing on an upward grade from sheer childishness to maturity. And that he reads American Wild-Westers at sixteen or seventeen, is merely a sign that the development is taking place along normal lines, neither forced nor stunted. Previously, he has been engrossed in his Ellis and his Ballantynes, who usually centre their stories about a boy in the late teens, their main theme being adventure. With Mulford, the boy keeps to his innate love of action, but he develops from boy heroes to adult heroes. There may be the cry that such books contain matter unfit for an immature mind. That would, indeed, be a just objection, were it not that the very immaturity of the mind renders it without true grounds. Because of his lack of life experience, the boy does not grasp the significance of these things, which are too deep for him. Again adventure is his consuming passion. Sexual or psychological problems he will pass unnoticed.

How then are we to convert finally his attention to deeper and better books? Our secondary schools are attacking the problem by the study of the masters of English Literature. Reverting to my own case, with apologies, I remember having studied among others, Carlyle, Shakespeare, Dickens, Thackeray, Chaucer, Lamb, Wordsworth, Tennyson, some Keats, a little Browning, some Shelley and some of Milton's "Paradise Lost." These authors, while acting as indications of what lies before the youthful reader, in no way destroy his inherent taste for adventure, and it is only insofar as they appeal to that taste, that their study will be fully successful.



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Frequently, I think, the study of prose and verse, totally unfit for the youthful mind, has very harmful results. I heard recently of a case where Francis Thompson's "Hound of Heaven" was studied by a leaving class in a Government Secondary School. No lover of poetry can deny that "The Hound" is a masterpiece; that it is one of the truly "big" poems in the language. But can anyone imagine a boy or a girl of sixteen or seventeen, reading it with understanding or appreciation? "The Hound of Heaven" is the outcome of the poet's very full experience of life on the more unpleasant side. It recalls his dismal descents into the very dregs of existence, his momentary fleeting spasms of clear vision. It is, in brief, the epitome of a life fully, widely lived. And it is given to youths, and commended to their study! It is doubtful if 2 per cent. of those who die at a natural old age can decipher its complete meaning, let alone children who have no knowledge of life, save a distant, idealistic conception. I can well imagine the boy, meeting Francis Thompson's collected works at a later date and saying, "That old bore! We had 'The Hound' at school, and I don't want to know any more of him!" Had the poems "Daisy" or "The Poppy," or even "In No Strange Land" been studied, they would have made a far closer appeal than the most high-planning and mature of all Thompson's poems.

But not! Our educational authorities insist on cramming into minds unfit to receive them, books and poems of this nature. It is common knowledge that those who study Shakespeare extensively at school, seldom read him afterwards, and not infrequently, overburdened in their youth, they turn to novels of the lighter type in maturity, with a sigh of relief.

There is a steady line of development for a boy's reading. Let him follow his desires unmolested, and the results will naturally be good. Guide him here, guide him there. Place before him a well-graduated bookcase of books, and he will advance by reading with proper discrimination. But to say, "You must not read that! You must read this!" is asking for trouble, and, moreover, it is unfair to the boy.

BRITONS & THE SEA.

SHAKESPEARE AND HENRY THE FIFTH.

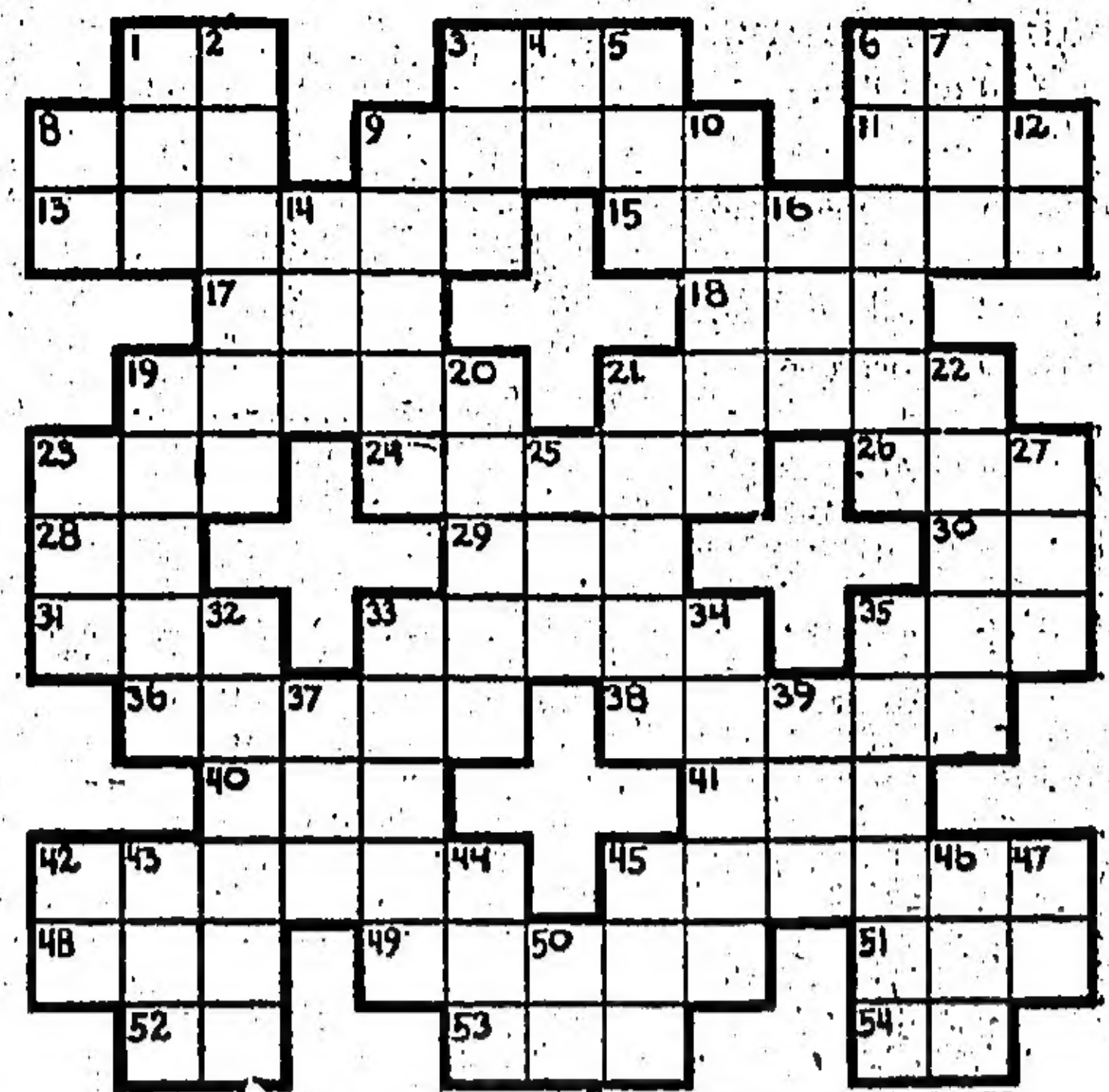
We British are an island nation, and the sea has always had a fascination for us, even though, as individuals, we may prefer to make our own journeys by land wherever possible. Miss Anne Treneer, the author of "The Sea in English Literature," has, therefore, suffered from no difficulty through lack of material, although her survey covers only the period from Beowulf to Donne. It was not until later days that the novel, as we know it, came into being, so one is not surprised to find that poetry figures more prominently than prose in her study of the subject. Such prose writing, too, as was concerned with the sea had at first little in it of the element of romance, consisting mainly of unadorned descriptions of the experiences of seafaring men.

Miss Treneer gives a whole chapter to Hakluyt, in whose great work, "The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques, and Discoveries of the English Nation"—there seems to be a revival of interest just now, for a new illustrated edition of it, with an introduction by Mr. John Masefield, is being issued by Dent in eight volumes at £3 the set. In Hakluyt you get a rare mixture of legend, poetry, history, charters, letters, and sailing directions.

Shakespeare comes, of course, within Miss Treneer's period. There is a general agreement that his finest sea passage is his description of Henry V's vessels sailing for Harfleur, which gives you an extraordinarily vivid sense of being on board ship in the midst of a fleet.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Near
- 2-And
- 3-Pronoun
- 4-Bustle
- 5-What was the sacred flower of Egypt?
- 11-And yet
- 13-Skin that is yellowish in color
- 15-To annoy
- 17-Who was the Greek goddess of the dawn?
- 18-A grassy field
- 19-Margins
- 21-Black beetle infesting houses
- 23-Also
- 24-What fabric is made from the fibers of flax
- 25-Make public
- 26-Prefix Form of "in"
- 29-To batter
- 30-Who was the Egyptian sun-god?
- 31-To cut off the edges of, as coins
- 33-Picture puzzle
- 35-Grow cry
- 36-Hut
- 38-Water vapor
- 40-A color
- 41-Hastened
- 42-Sex

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

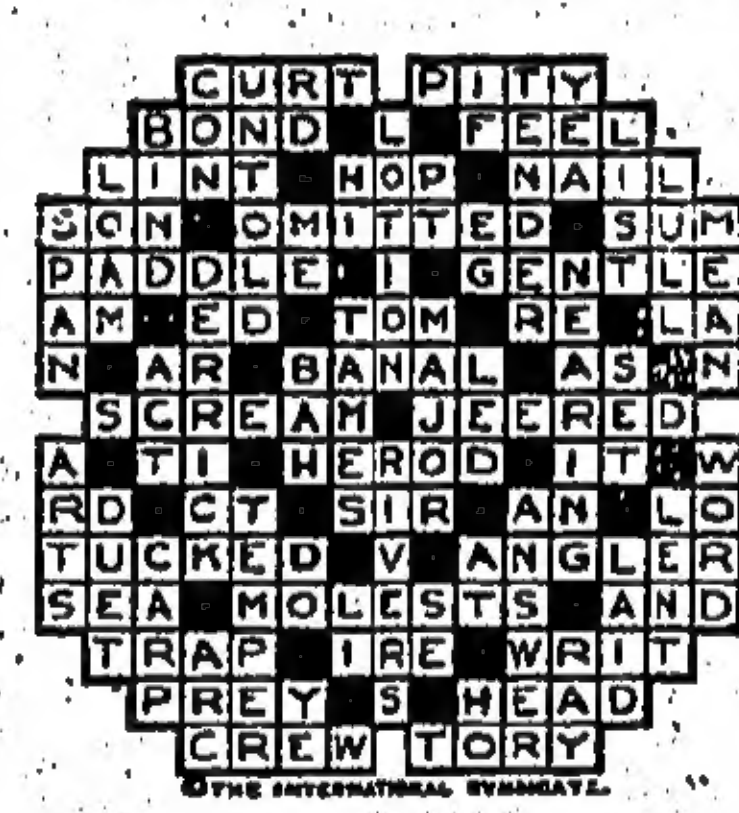
- 45-Who became regent of Hungary in 1920?
- 48-Western State (abbr.)
- 49-Ballad juice of sugarcane
- 51-Possessive pronoun
- 52-And (French)
- 53-Great
- 54-A compass point (abbr.)

VERTICAL (cont.)

- 19-Parting to Eoile
- 20-Symph, half woman and half bird
- 21-What was the name of the twin brother of Romulus, founder of Rome?
- 22-A king of ancient Tyre
- 23-One of the metals
- 24-What is the commonest deep-red gem stone?
- 33-In carried, as on a horse
- 34-A razor strap
- 35-What Ohio city and what city in China have the same name?
- 37-Foundations
- 39-A part of the head
- 42-To proceed
- 43-Before
- 44-What was Eve created from?
- 45-To embrace
- 46-What is a particular tint of a color called?
- 47-A time-period (abbr.)
- 50-Which State was founded by Roger Williams? (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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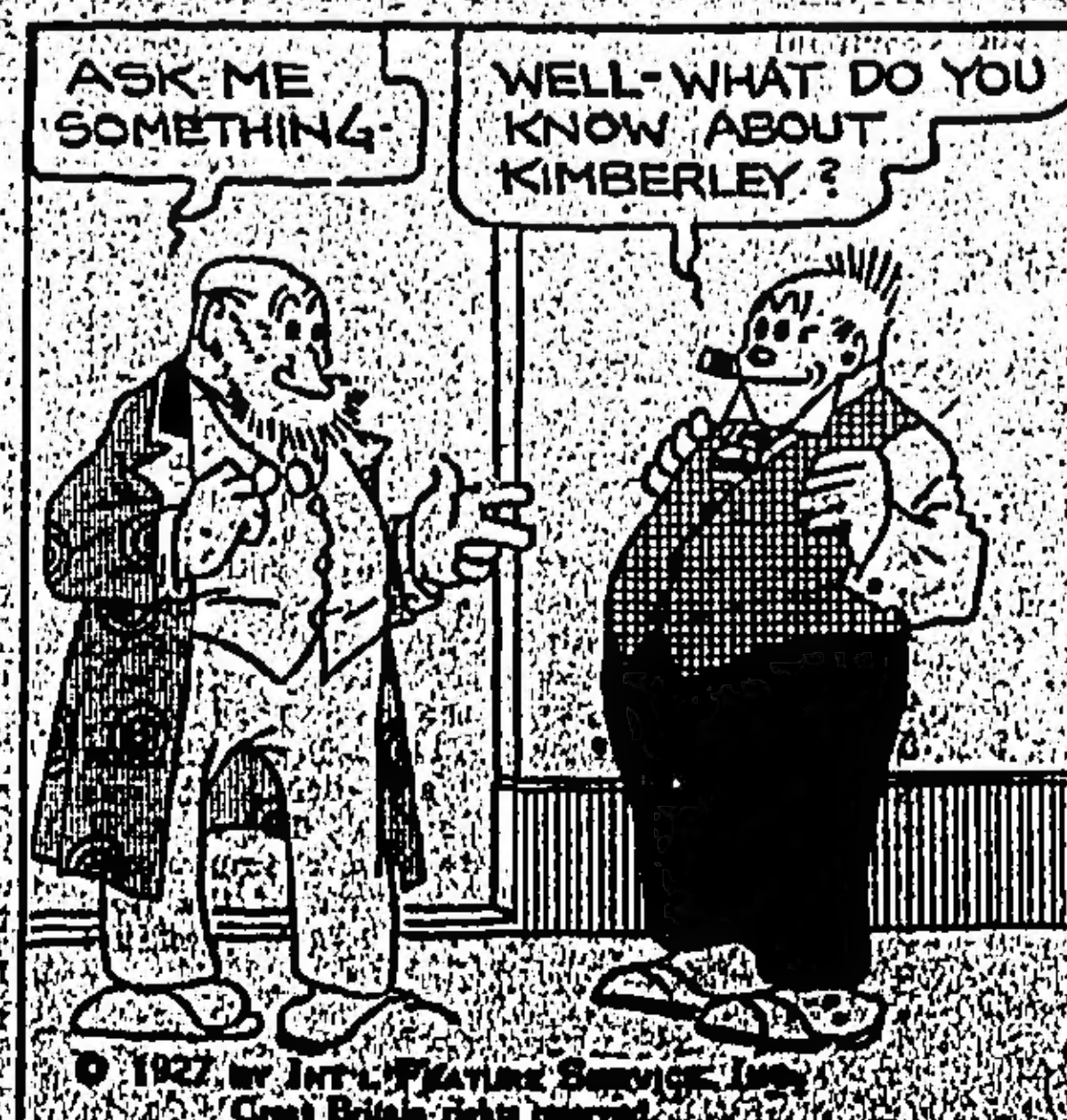
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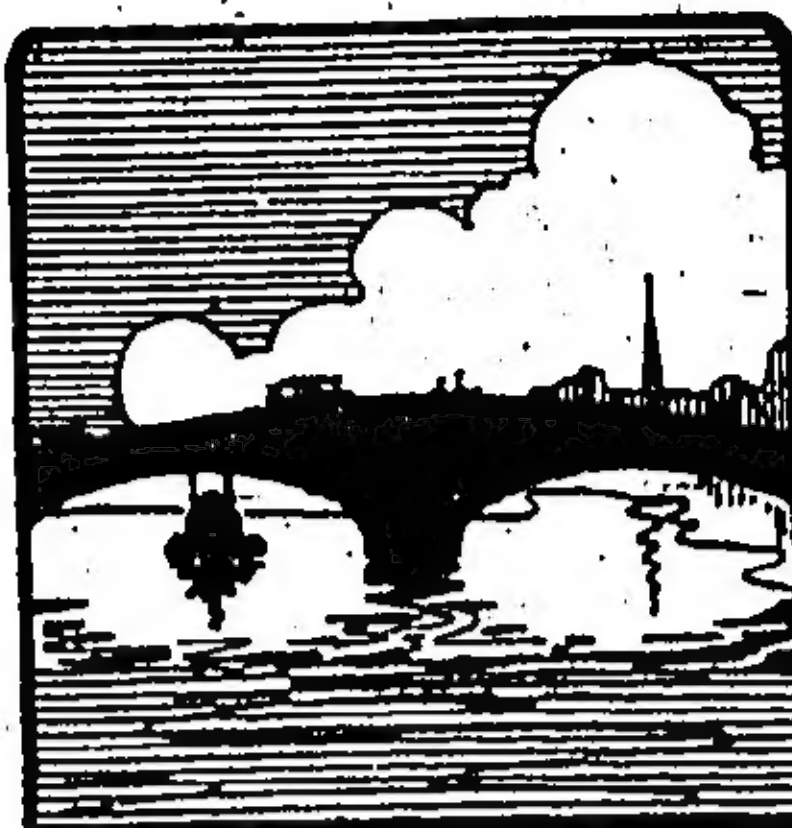
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RED CROSS.

ACTIVITIES OF SOCIETY OF JAPAN.

ROYAL APPRECIATION.

From the Japanese Consul-General we have received a copy of a useful booklet on the Red Cross Society of Japan, an interesting chapter in which states:—

When the rebellion in the South-West provinces broke out in the 10th year of Meiji (1877), an association was founded under the name of the Hakusha (Benevolence Society) for the purpose of caring for the sick and wounded at the seat of hostilities, without distinction as to the colours under which they served and with the permission of the Commander-in-Chief of the expeditionary forces, the association set itself to work and rendered actual assistance to the medical corps of the Imperial Army. When the insurrection had been brought to an end, it made itself a permanent organisation, commencing at the same time to take every possible step to make ready for the carrying out of relief measures in time of war. In the 19th year of Meiji (1886), when the Government of Japan acceded to the Geneva Convention, the association decided to strengthen its foundations with a view to enlarging its work; and in accordance with this resolution its name was changed to the "Red Cross Society of Japan" in the 20th year of Meiji (1887). At the same time various modifications in its regulations were introduced. The Society now entered into sisterly relations with similar societies throughout the world after consultation with the Geneva International Committee of the Red Cross. During the wars of 1894-1895 and of 1904-1905, relief staffs were despatched to various places at home and abroad to help administering relief to the sick and wounded of both belligerents, for which services their Majesties the Emperor and Empress were graciously pleased to send messages of appreciation to the Society.

The prosperity which has since come to the Society has induced it to alter its article with a view to consolidating still further the foundations upon which it rests.

Charges in Articles.

The following "Articles" have been amended:—

Article 4. The Society shall conform to the decisions of the International Conference held at Geneva in October, 1863, and also to the principles of the international treaties concluded between Japan and the various Powers concerning the Red Cross work; as well as to those of the League of Red Cross Societies formed at Paris, France in May, 1919.

Article 8. The object of the Society shall be to care for the sick and wounded in time of war. The Society may also undertake relief service for the injured and sick in cases of public calamity or other disaster; and in time of peace, such

activities as concern the improvement of public health and prevention of disease, thereby alleviating human suffering.

Article 9. For the attainment of the objects mentioned in the preceding articles, the Society shall undertake:

1. In time of war, to care for the sick and wounded in conformity with the instructions of the proper authorities.
2. To train a staff suitable for the carrying out of relief measures and to collect stores, so as to be sufficiently in readiness to meet any case of war.
3. To be in readiness to meet any case of public calamity and to administer succor to the injured and sick.
4. To improve public health and to prevent disease, thereby alleviating human suffering.

The Society shall establish such hospitals and the like as required to accomplish the above-mentioned services.

AVALANCHE HITS TRAIN.

CARRIAGES FLUNG INTO A RIVER.

Geneva, Sept. 26.
An avalanche of rocks and terrible floods have caused twenty-two deaths in Switzerland, fourteen persons being killed this morning when part of a train was flung into a river.

The disasters have been due to torrential rains in the eastern part of the country, especially in the Cantons of St. Gall, Grisons and Ticino.

The train was on the Brenner Railway, between Bozen and Venice, when a rock avalanche fell across the line and hurled part of the train into the River Isarco.

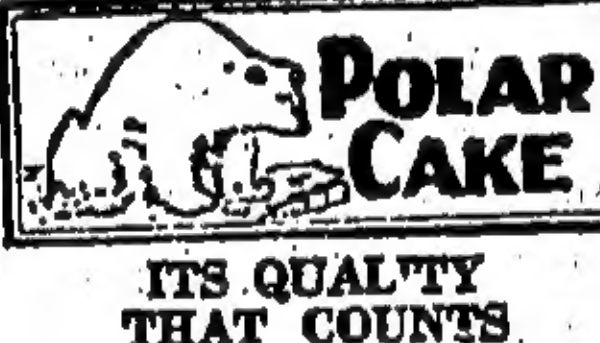
Fourteen persons were killed, most of them railway employees. A number of passengers whose nationalities have not been established are missing or injured.

Tourists Stranded.
Traffic on the Coire-Arosa line is suspended, and many tourists, including a number of English, are temporarily stranded.

The church in the village of Rinkenburg has collapsed, and the Rhine has formed a lake between the Swiss and the Lichtenstein frontiers, where the railway is under several feet of water. Telephone and telegraph poles are floating in the flood.

Many English and American visitors in the Engadine resorts have been obliged to postpone their return home. The last number of the "Engadiner Post" contained the following names: Lord and Lady Jessel, Admiral Sir Collin and Lady Keppel, Sir Pomeroy and Lady Burton, and Mme. Caruso.

The St. Gothard Railway has been breached at a number of points, and traffic is greatly delayed.



Canada is still the finest big game area in North America. Moose, deer and caribou abound in the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. The latter two offering mountain sheep, mountain goats and grizzly bears for good measure, but caribou may not be shot in Nova Scotia, or New Brunswick. Early reports from veteran guides in all these provinces indicate that game will be more plentiful this year than for many seasons past.

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INDIAN REFORMS.

CONTINUANCE OF SEPARATE REPRESENTATION.

WIDER FRANCHISE.

Madras, Oct. 14.
The Indian view of the Ceylon Constitutional Reforms was lucidly explained to-day by the Hon. Mr. K. Natesa Aiyar, a member of the Ceylon Legislative Council, in a special interview with the Associated Press.

"Indians domiciled in Ceylon are practically agreed on all points of the scheme urged by the Congress," he declared, "but we look upon the proposal to scrap separate electorates as calculated to injure the interests of our nationals."

The idea that separate representation for five years would have bridged the difficulties, he thought, was premature, for within the short time that they had the privilege of representation in the Council, they had been unable to achieve even one hundredth of their aspirations or the redress of many of their grievances.

In any case, therefore, he would strongly plead for the continuance of the existing order, till such time as Indian nationals felt safe to mingle with the larger whole, which, after all, was the right thing to do.

Continuing, Mr. Aiyar expressed the opinion that although the present Indian constituency was unwieldy, from the point of view of distance it was meaningless and preposterous to exclude languages other than English, Tamil and Sinhalese because a large number of educated Malayalam, Gujarati, and other persons contributing to the State's revenue were disqualified by the language restriction.

He next demanded a wider franchise and pleaded that men and women whose monthly income was Rs. 25 should be enfranchised.

He deprecated the attempts to separate the Indian electorate into different units.

Concluding, Mr. Aiyar said that there should be an increased number of Indian representatives in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Aiyar left to-night for Madras, en route to Colombo.

MR. J. DE ROTHSCHILD.

Ill-Health Prevents His Candidature.

London, Sept. 28.

Mr. James de Rothschild has refused on grounds of ill-health, the invitation which he received early in the month to stand as next Liberal candidate for the Isle of Ely.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	Per
Shanghai	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4	Lingchow.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Hakone Maru.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only London, 6th Oct.)		Taming.
Shanghai	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5	Demodocus.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London, 6th Oct.)		Soochow.
Manila	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	Seistan.
		Pres. Jefferson.
Australia & Manila	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7	Tanda.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Hayes.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Grant.
Australia & Manila	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	Talping.
Amoy & Swatow	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9	Van Hentz.
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11	Macedonia.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	Pres. Lincoln.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	Per
Macao	CHUENCHOW	3.15 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	KONG NING	4.30 p.m.
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Hessen	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon
Tourane	Chung Kong	3.30 p.m.
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Shanghai	Sunning	5 p.m.
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Shanghai	Yusang	5 p.m.
Amoy	An King	5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Sandakan	Sui Sang	1.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow	2.30 p.m.
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Amoy	Soochow	5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	5 p.m.
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FORCED LABOUR.

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VIEWS OF COMMISSION.

A Forty-Eight Hours Week Stipulated.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The International Labour Office spokesman, Mr. Grimshaw, has made a statement to the Mandates Commission outlining the views of the Native Labour Commission, namely, compulsory labour only to be employed on essential public works and should be paid local rates. The work should not exceed 48 hours weekly and sixty days annually, save in exceptional cases.

Mr. Grimshaw stated that the Labour Office would submit a completed report to the 1929 Conference.—Reuter.

[A cable of October 14 stated:—The International Labour Office decided by 14 votes to seven to place the question of compulsory labour of natives on the agenda of the Conference to be held in 1929. This decision was arrived at after the adoption of the report of a committee of experts consisting of Sir Frederick Lugard, Sir Selwyn Fremantle, Mr. H. M. Taberer (South Africa) and Mr. H. M. Joynt (Malay States) which unanimously passed a resolution that forced labour should cease at the earliest possible moment. They also passed a resolution giving the opinion that the regulation of forced labour was urgently important for safeguarding the conditions of certain populations. The Director of the Labour Office suggested that the question be considered at the 1928 Conference, but the British Government delegate urged the necessity for adequate study and supported the Belgian proposal that it be given first place in the 1929 agenda.]

DRUG TRAFFIC.

Russian Emigre at Hong Kong.

INTERNATIONAL RING.

New Discoveries Reported in Calcutta.

Calcutta, Oct. 26.
An amazing discovery of an international drug trafficking organisation has resulted from recent raids in Calcutta, and through secret codes found in the Indian and Far Eastern drug trade.

Information laid by the Calcutta officials made possible the arrest of a Liverpool chemist and two go-betweens carrying on negotiations in Calcutta.

Following the recent arrest of a beautiful emigre at Hong Kong having a large quantity of heroin concealed in her trunks, a document found on her accomplice led to a search in a Berlin flat and ended in the discovery of correspondence and the secret code used by the gang with agents in various countries, the police of which were informed.—"Straits Times" Corr.

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CHAIRMAN'S WARNING.

London, Yesterday.
Sir John Cadman, presiding at the annual meeting of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, pointed out that excessive production in the United States and larger exports from Russia were necessarily disturbing factors, but fortunately the Anglo-Persian were not impelled to overproduce.

He mentioned that the net profit for the year exceeded a quarter of a million sterling but warned shareholders that unless there was a radical change in prices profits in the current year were likely to be reduced.

The Persian Imperial Commissioner, Mirzae Issa Khanfayz, expressed the Persians' admiration of the manner in which the Company had developed that part of Persia in which they operate and suggested the Company should found schools with the co-operation of the Persian Ministry for instruction in that inaccessible part of Persia where the benefits of education were unavailable.—Reuter.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

POLICE FINDS IN THE NORTH.

SEVERAL ARRESTS.

Delhi, Yesterday.
Police have searched houses in Lahore, Allahabad and Cawnpore and have seized prohibited literature, revolvers and materials for the manufacture of bombs. Several persons have been arrested.—Reuter.

[A message from Calcutta dated November 1 stated:—A number of houses in Calcutta and North-east Bengal have been searched by the police, who have seized documents believed to reveal widespread ramifications of a revolutionary conspiracy. The searches were executed at the request of the Bihar police, following the discovery of two pistols and ammunition in the possession of a Bengali youth at Deoghar last month. Certain cipher keys were also seized, and when decoded revealed the names of a number of persons whose addresses were subsequently searched. No arrests are hitherto reported.]

RAILWAY SABOTAGE.

Attempts to Wreck Trains.

Calcutta, Oct. 26.
The sabotage epidemic on the Bengal Nagpur Railway is growing. For the third time this month an attempt has been made to wreck a train.
The latest outrage took place on Tuesday near Katni, in the Central Provinces. The train was derailed, but no one was injured. Flash-pots and bolts had been removed from a section of the track.—"Straits Times" Corr.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

A MIS-TRIAL.

Teapot Dome Case Echo.

JURY'S IRREGULARITIES.

All Evidence Must Be Reheard At New Trial.

Washington, Yesterday.
A joint statement issued by the counsel for Mr. Harry Sinclair, who with Mr. Fall, ex-Secretary of the Interior, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the Teapot Dome oil leases, declares that they have joined with counsel for the Government in requesting that Justice Siddons declare a mis-trial in the case.

The trial was halted while a grand jury investigated the charge of attempted tampering with the jury. The investigation was undertaken largely upon information obtained by Government agents in a raid on an apartment in an hotel occupied by private detectives from New York City. Special Government counsel in the case presented four affidavits to the Court naming among others Messrs. Harry Sinclair, Edward Kidwell, one juror and two private detectives. The Teapot Dome affidavits refer to the alleged tampering with the jury and the activities of private detectives allegedly employed by Mr. Harry Sinclair in maintaining close surveillance over the jurymen.—Reuter's American Service.

CHARGES PROVED.

The charges of irregularity brought against the jury in the Teapot Dome case resulted in a mistrial being declared and all evidence hitherto presented must be reheard by a new jury.—Reuter's American Service.

CHERSKI RANGE.

EXPLORER DESCRIBES A GREAT DISCOVERY.

ALTITUDES OF 10,700 FEET.

London, Yesterday.
The expedition to North-East Siberia last year, which resulted in the discovery of probably the last great mountain range on the globe, is described by the explorer Serges Obruchev in the "Geographical Journal".
The mountains are 625 miles long and 180 miles broad, thus having a larger area than the Caucasus, whilst they have altitudes of 10,700 feet, being the greatest in North Siberia, excepting the Kamchatka volcanoes.

The Russian Geographical Society has called the new mountains, which lie on a great promontory eastward of the River Lena, the Cherski Range in memory of the well-known geologist.—Reuter.

TAXING A DIAMOND.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND THE NASSAK STONE.

Washington, Yesterday.
Customs officials are puzzled in regard to the famous Nassak diamond valued at \$200,000, which is supposed to have formed one of the eyes of the ancient image of the God Shiva in India.
It was at first ruled that the stone was entitled to enter the country as an "artistic antiquity" duty free, but the diamond dealers here protested that it should be taxed twenty per cent under the tariff law because it had been cut and used as a jewel in England.—Reuter's American Service.

LABOUR GAINS.

BRITISH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

London, Yesterday.
Big Labour gains are shown in the municipal elections held yesterday in over 300 cities and boroughs in England and Wales, not including London.
The gains and losses so far are Labour 105 and twelve, Conservatives 7 and 70, Liberals 12 and 33 and Independents 16 and 25.—Reuter.

Letters of administration in respect of the \$594,500 local estate of Lo Lim-yuk, late of U-On, Macao, have been granted to his eldest son, Lo Wing-koon.—Local estate of \$10,300 was left by Chan Cho-shan, a pawnbroker, formerly resident at 134 Wellington Street, probate of whose will has been granted at the Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

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